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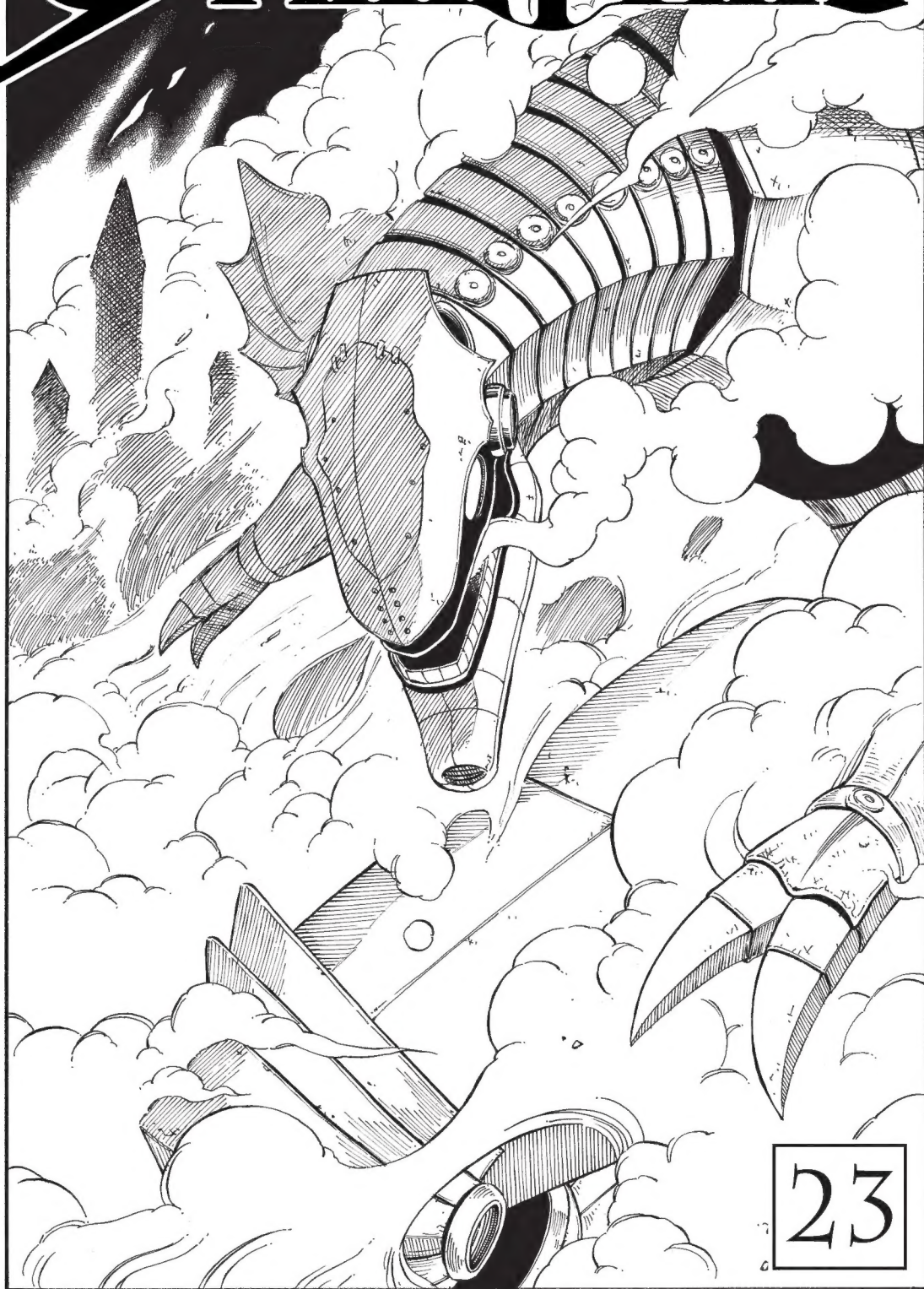
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Hiro Mashima

Creator of Rave Master

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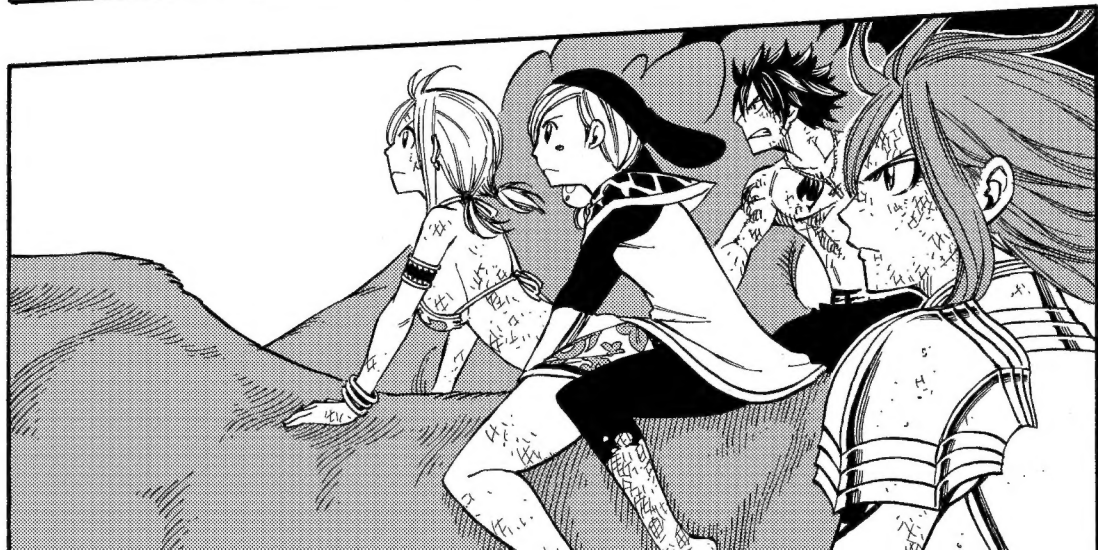


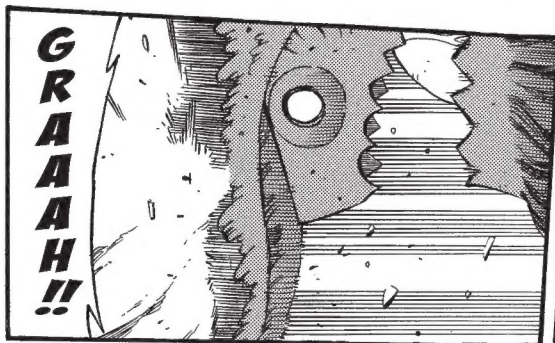
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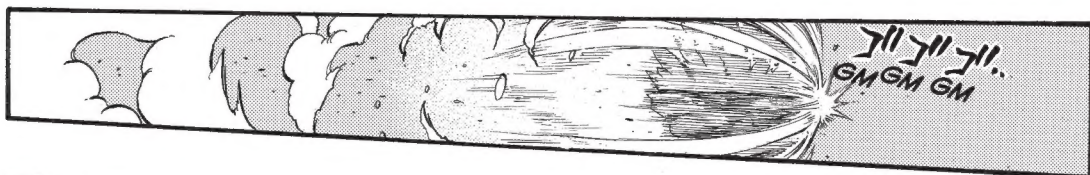
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Chapter 188:
One Wing





You can
do it,
Legi-
pyon!



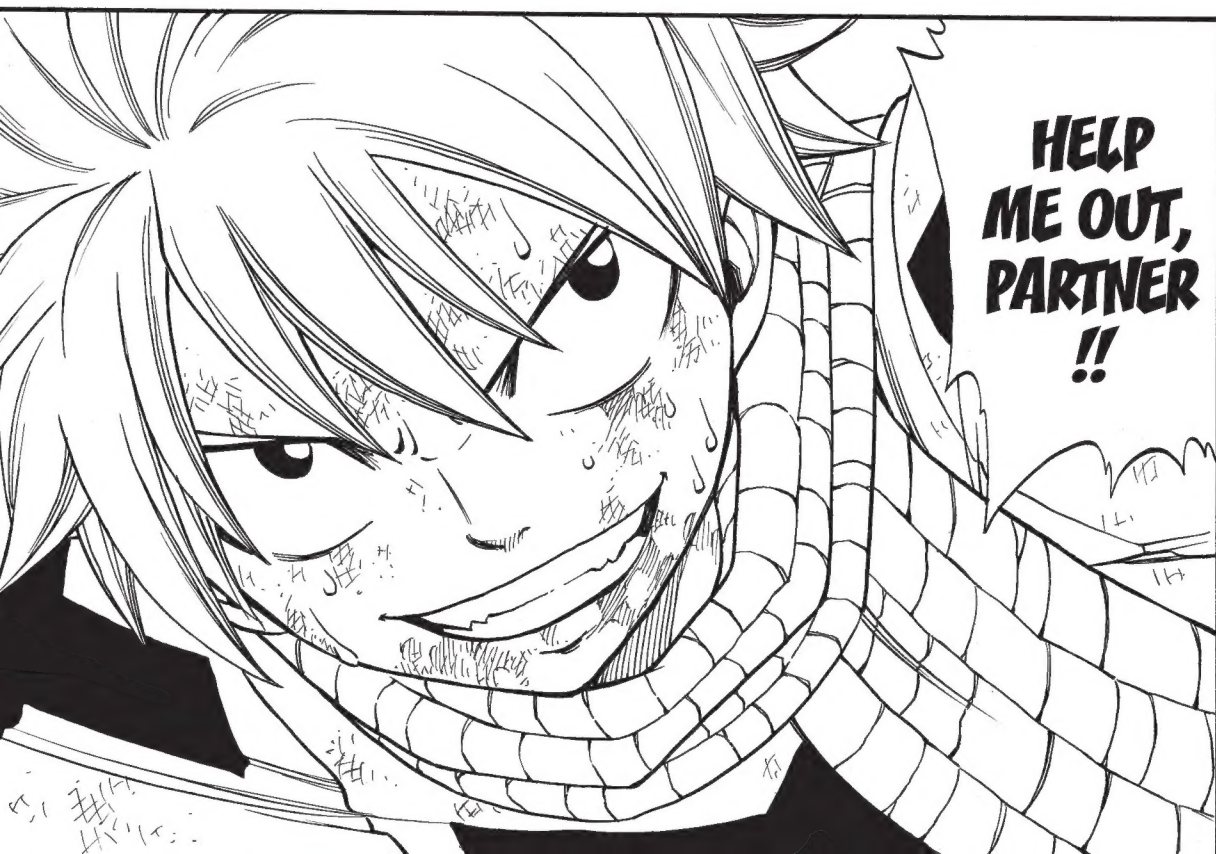
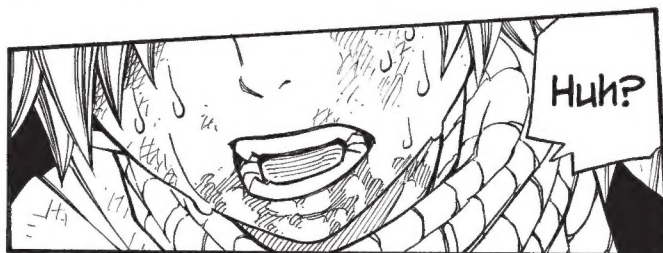
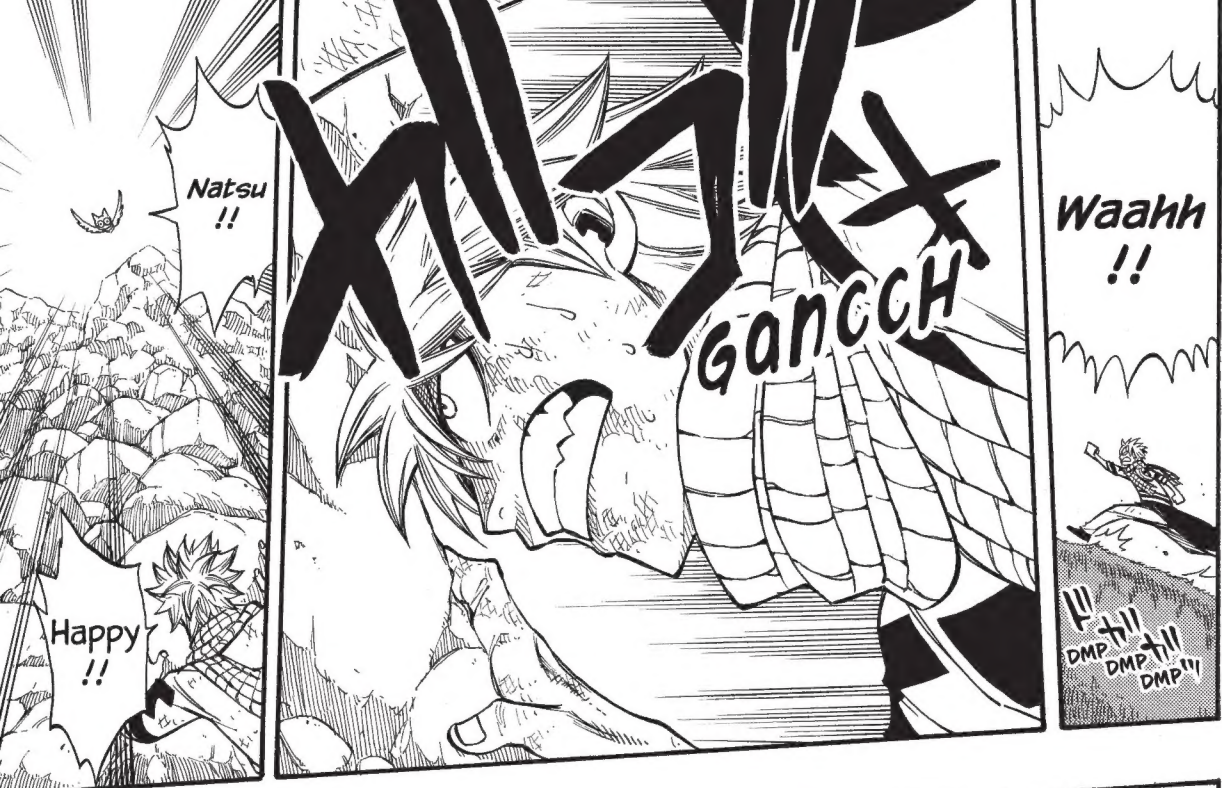
Please
!!

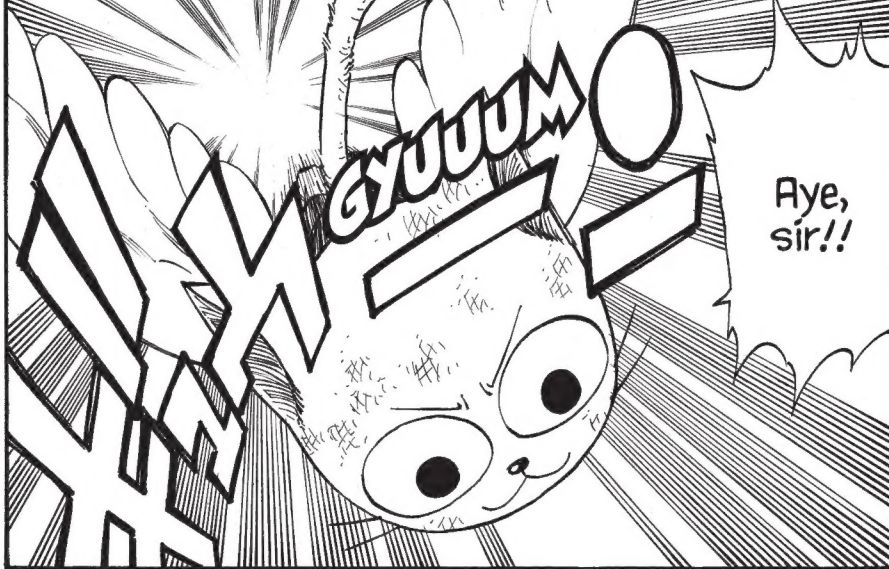
Stop
!!



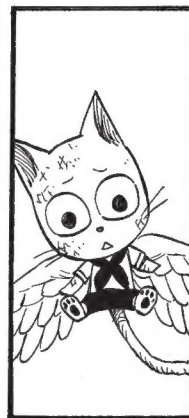
It's not
working!
It's not
even slowing
down!!!

We'll
release all
our magical
power
against
it!!





Aye,
sir!!



We'll
finish our
battle
when I've
stopped
this thing!

I'm not
running
or hiding
or any-
thing!



*You're
running
away?!*

Okay,
truce,
Black Cat!



And
I'm
going
to make
you my
cat!

Gee hee
hee...

After this
I'm taking
my guild
back with
me - by
force if I
gotta!

Stop it? Stop
it, you say?!
You mean the
enormous island
the Dragon Chain
is attached to?!



It's futile!!
There isn't any
future for us!!
There's nothing
left!!



Take
this!!

GM GCH GCH

No
good!!!
It's going
to hit!!!!

Wah!

ZMMM...

Coco...
What are
you doing
here...?

The only thing
to do is stop
this thing!! I
mean, we have
to stop it, no
matter what!!

That black
cat got in
the way!

It doesn't
matter!! It'd
take too long
to get them
back!!

Gajeel!!
Why didn't you
change the
others back like
you did for us?!

RRROHHH!!!!

WAAAH!!!!

Hurry and
get out of
here, Coco!! It
doesn't matter
what anybody
tries, nobody
can stop this
island!!

What
kind of
idiocy is
that
?!!

I'd rather
have an
eternity of
smiles!!

So you
recognized me,
huh? You see,
I...don't really
need an eternity
of magic.

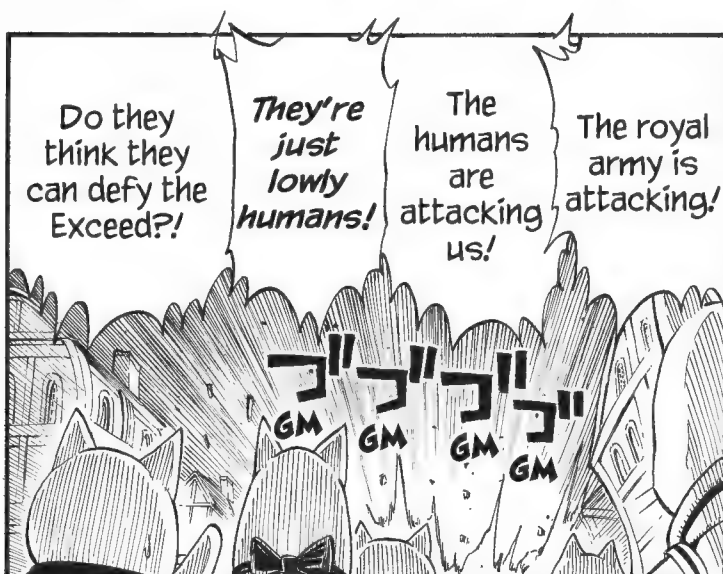
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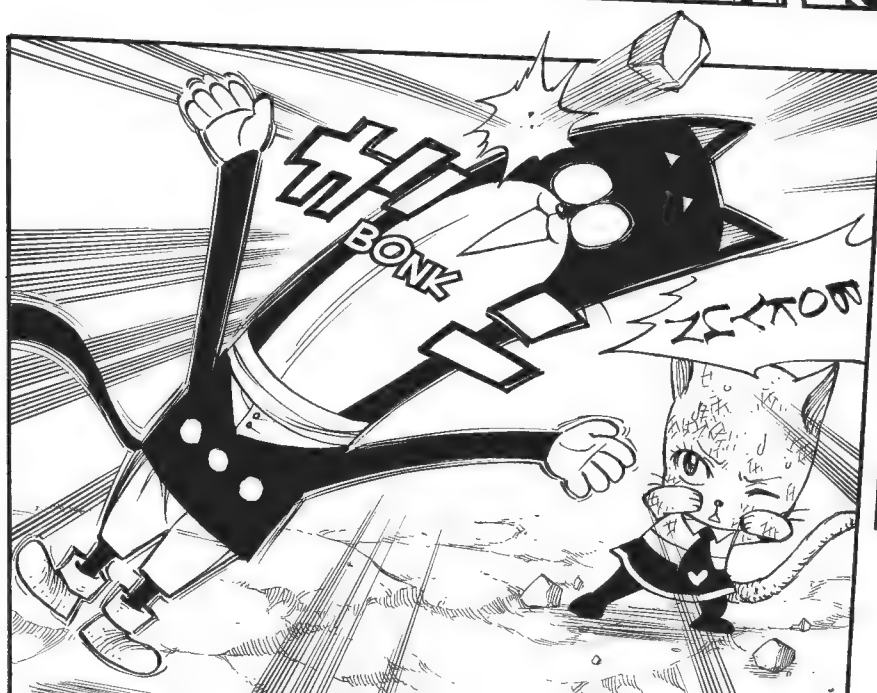
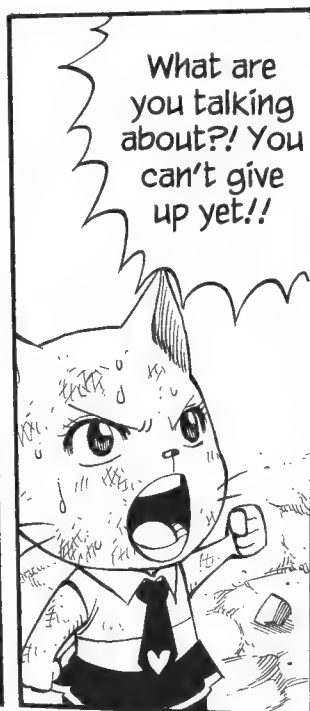
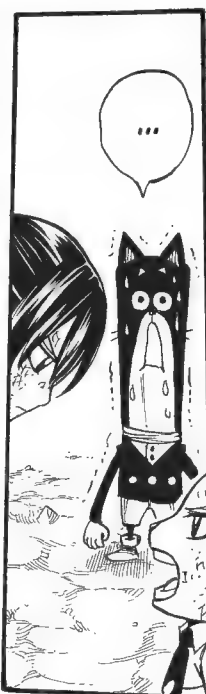
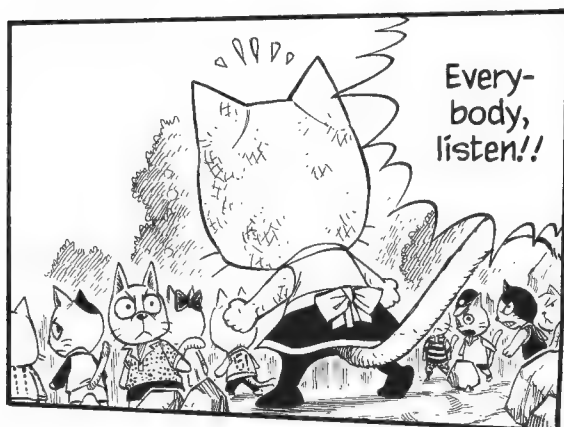
**WE
WILL
STOP
IT!!!!**

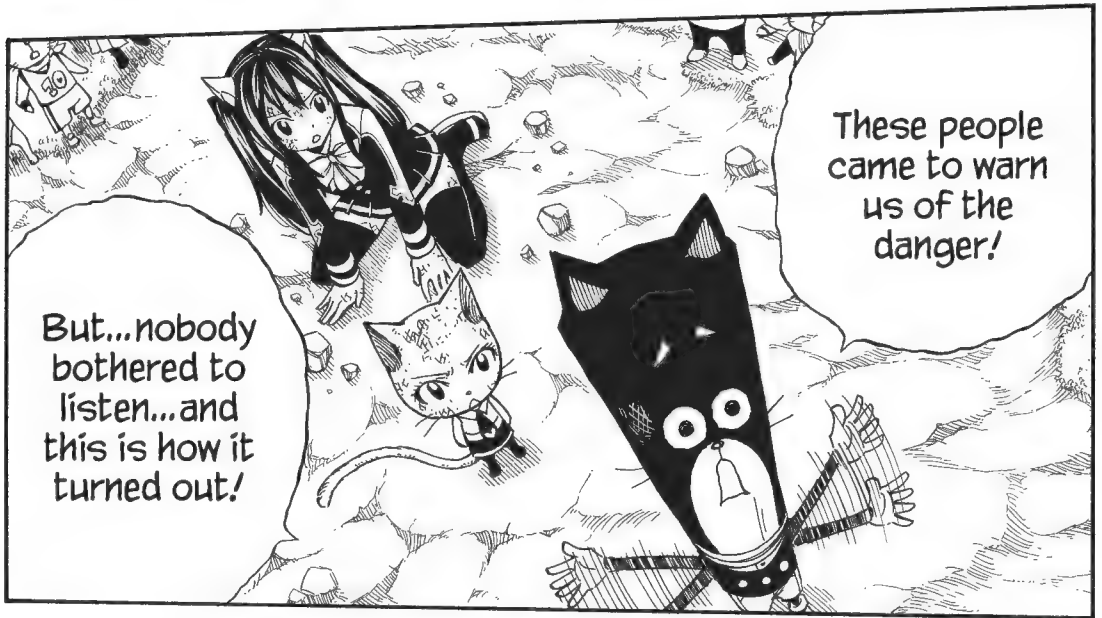
**EVEN IF
MY BODY
FALLS
APART,
I'LL
STOP IT
WITH MY
SPIRIT!!**

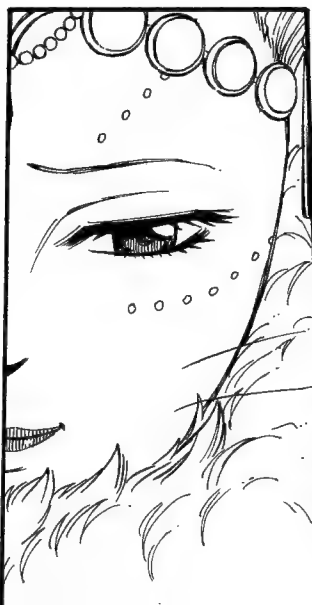
WHAM



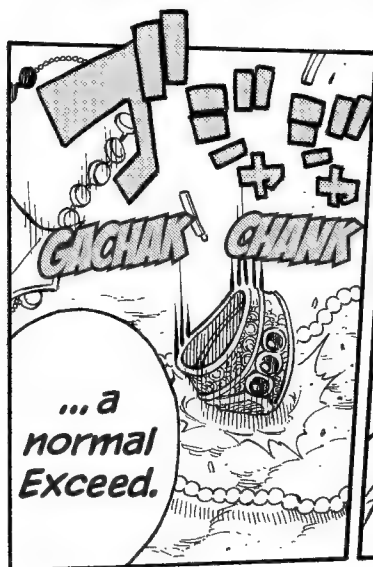




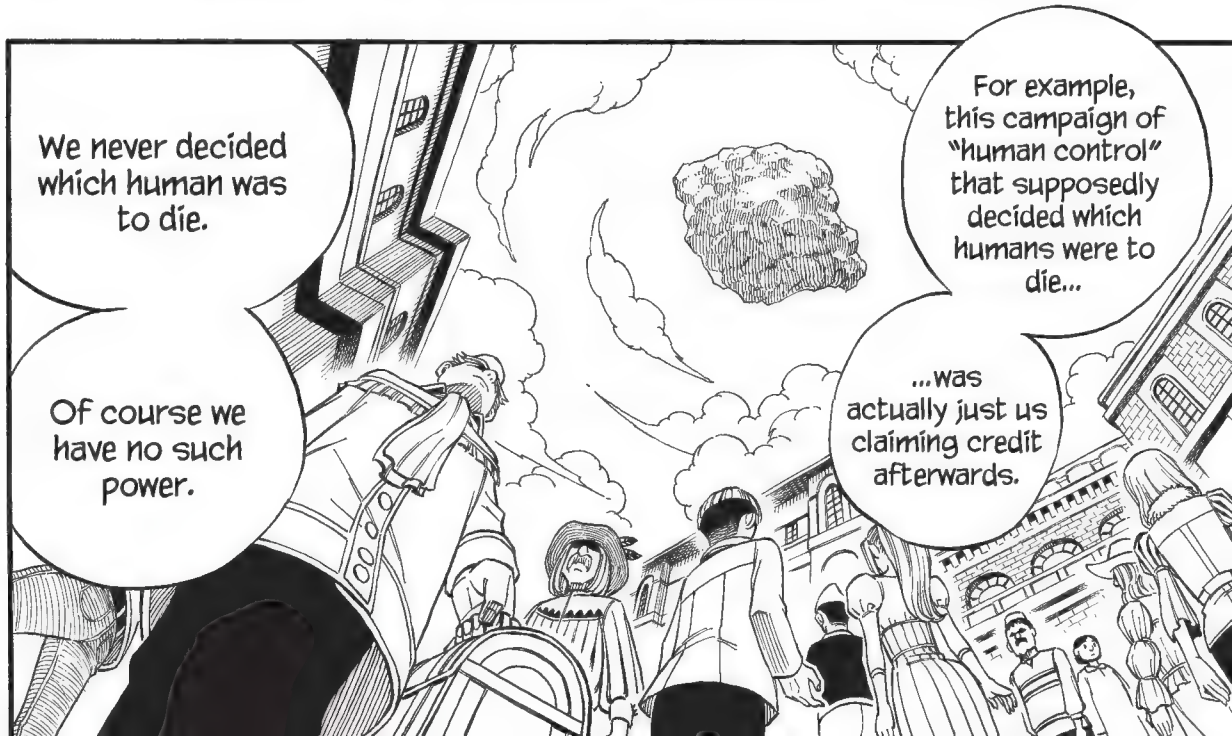
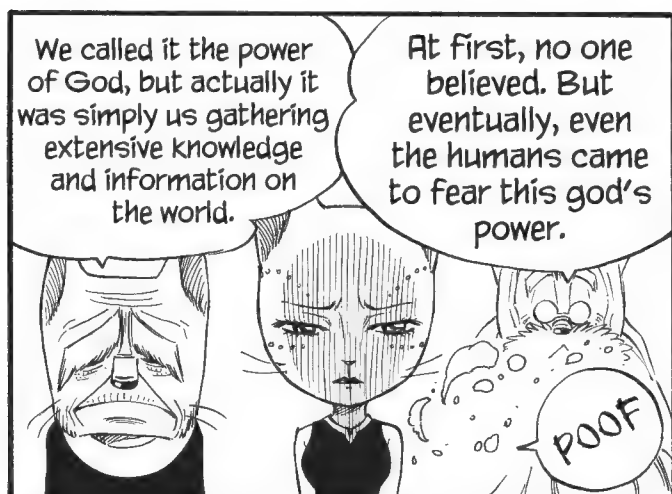
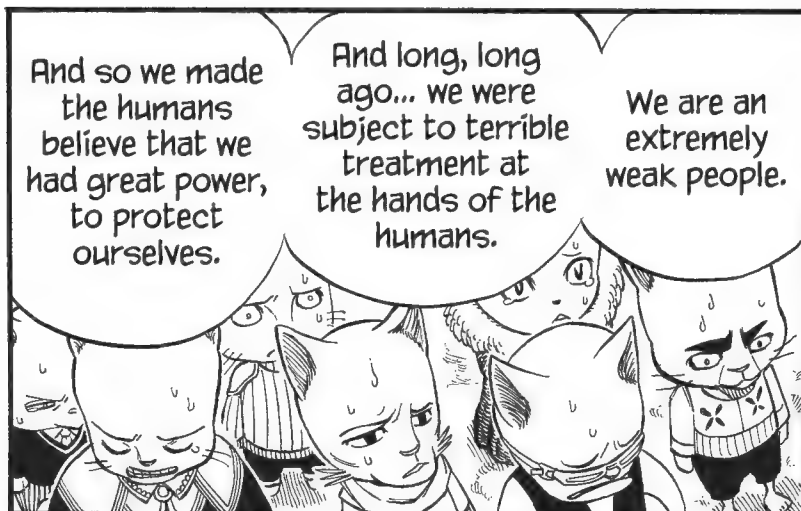


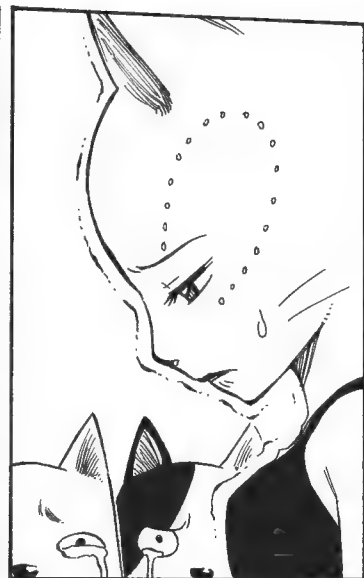
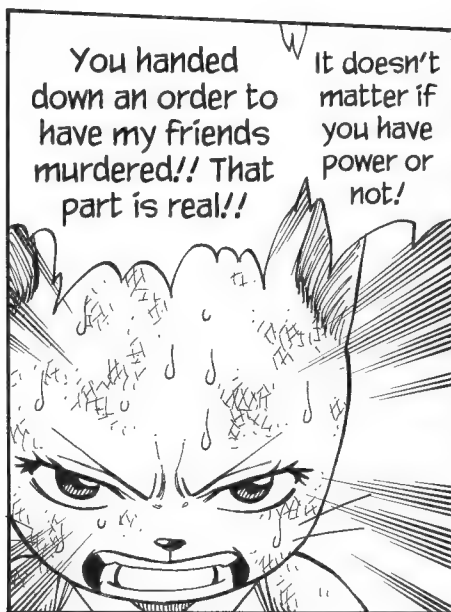
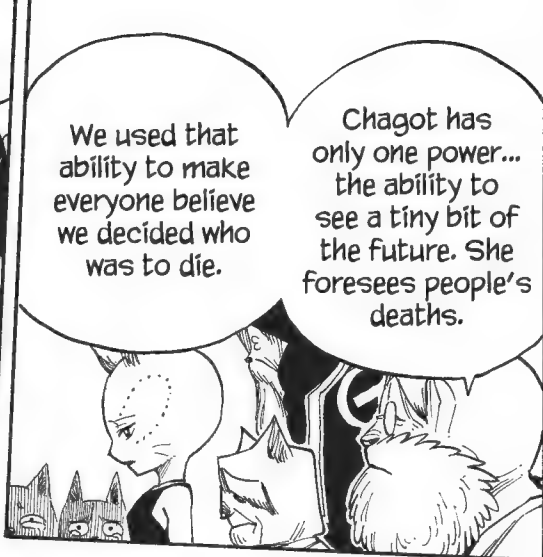














Carla, we can't get bogged down in that now.

I don't care about the circumstances. It's unforgivable!!!!

I-I-I-it wasn't like that!! It'd take too long to explain all the intricate circumstances...!!



That was...



...and yet you have undergone the greatest suffering.

You are innocent...



What Carla says is correct.

KARANG



Please hand down your punishment for my crimes.

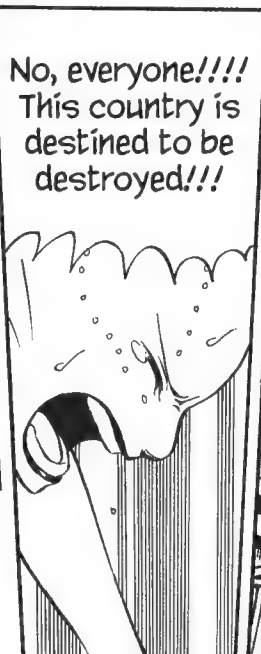
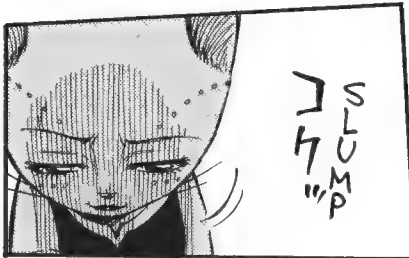
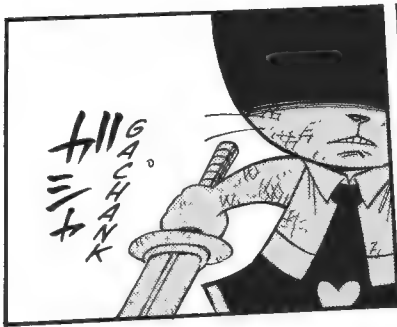
You have the right to do so, as one who loves both the humans and the Exceed.

Your Majesty !!!

Your Majesty !!!

My Queen !!

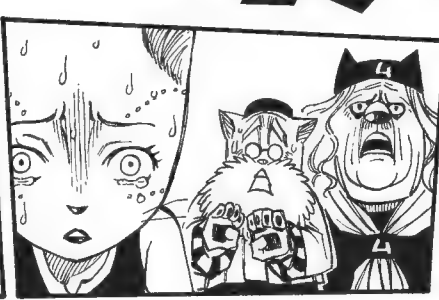
Chagot !!!





Don't
give up
just like
that!!!!


SHLAK



Do you
mean to say
that you're
helpless
without a
queen or a
god?!



This
is your
country,
right?!



**So why
are you
giving up
so easily
now?!**


**Even though
you told those
lies, you were
struggling as
hard as you
could to stay
alive, right?!**



**This
country
won't be
destroyed
!!!!**

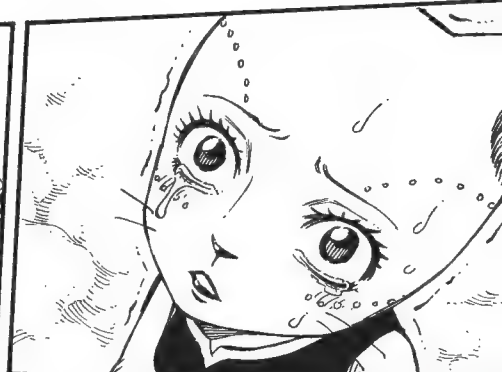
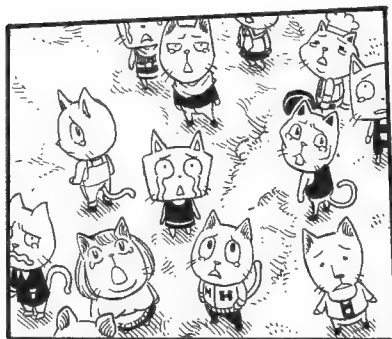
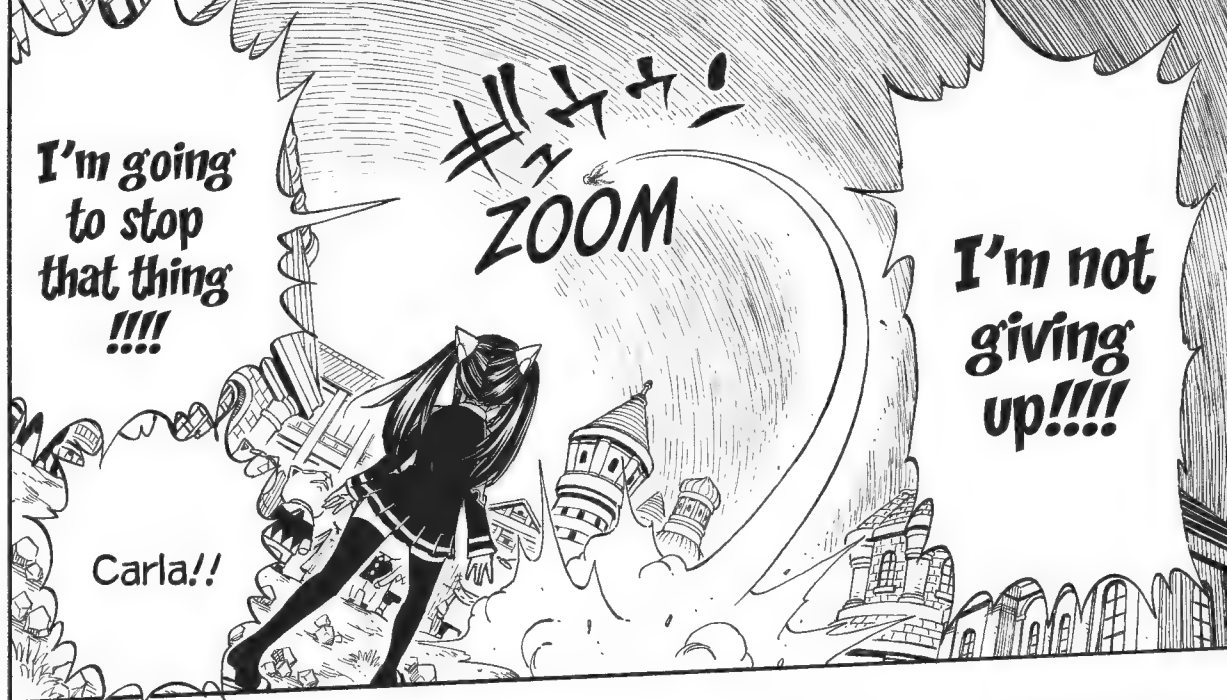
**Who cares
if you're
weak?!**

**You can do
anything if
you combine
your strength
!!!!**



**I can't
let it
disappear
!!!!**

**It's my
home-
land
!!!!**

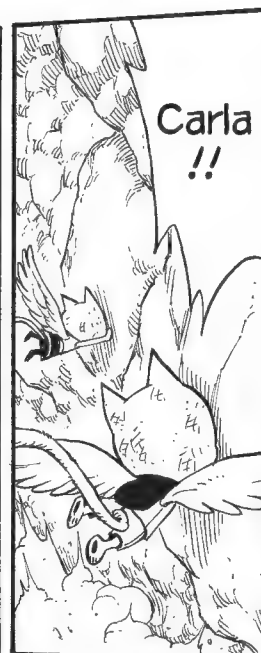
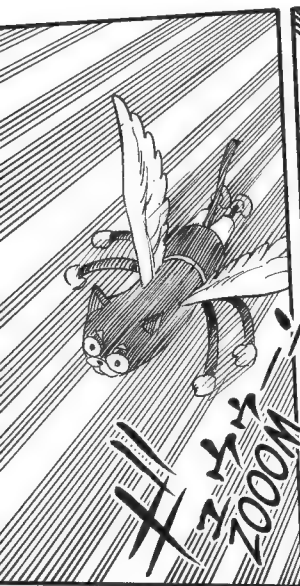
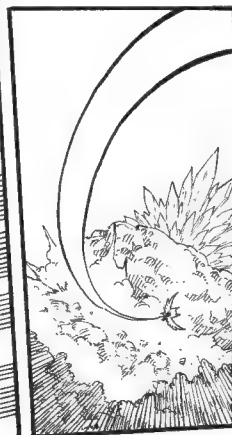


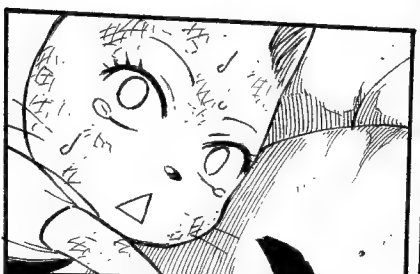
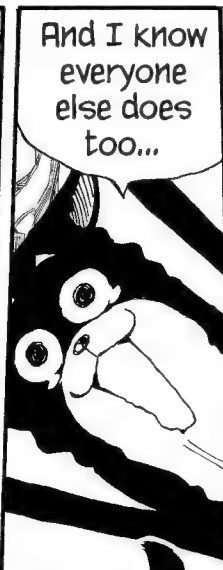
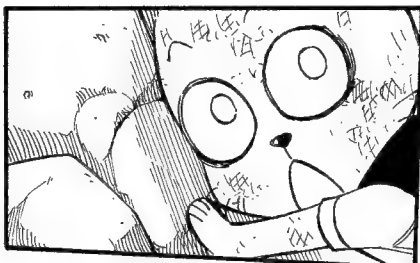
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Chapter 189: The Boy From Back Then









Wendy-san!
Carla-san, I'm
so sorry for
what we did to
you!

We're going
to protect
our **OWN**
land!!!!

This is for the
Queen who's
been protecting
our country and
citizens from
danger for all
these years!



Everybody!! Let's
do something to
stop this!!!



Is this
some
kind of...
dream?

Extalia is
becoming
one?



Do any-
thing I
can!!!

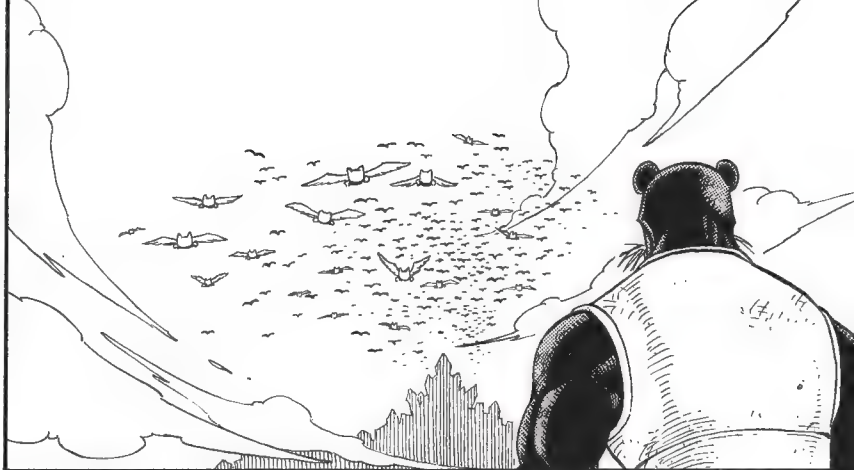


No, I
must do
some-
thing!

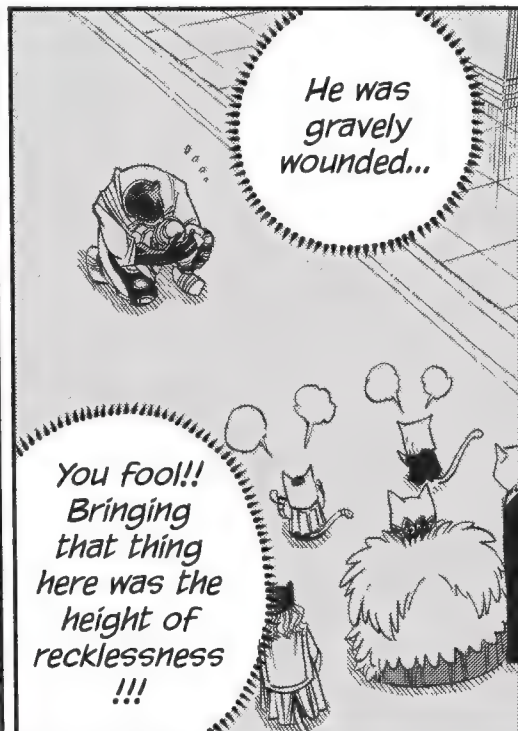
Chagot!!!
You can't
do any-
thing on
that one
wing!



Lily! Why would you condescend to rescue a human child?



But... I can't stand by while anyone so wounded dies, even if he is human!



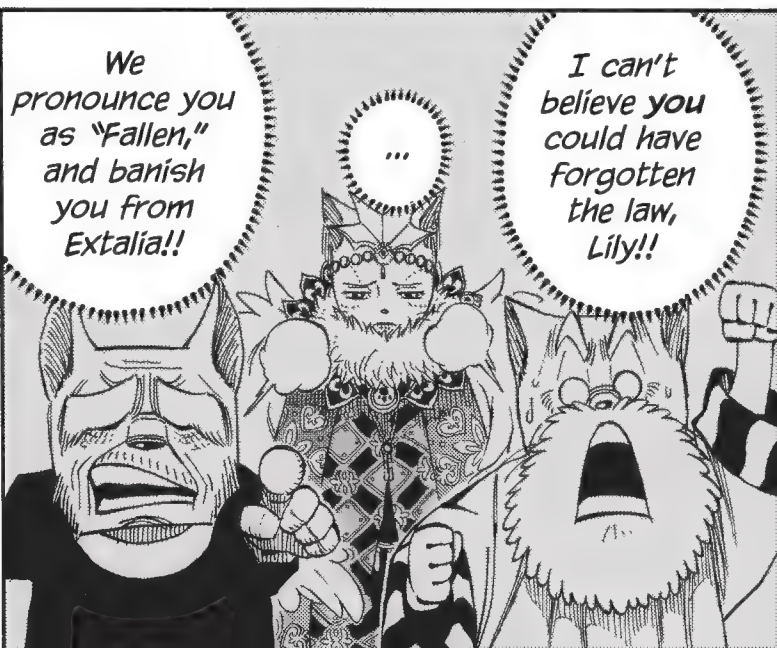
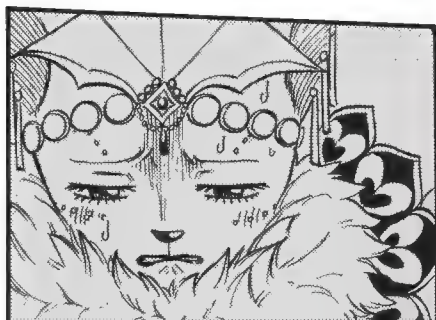
He was gravely wounded...

You fool!!
Bringing that thing here was the height of recklessness!!!



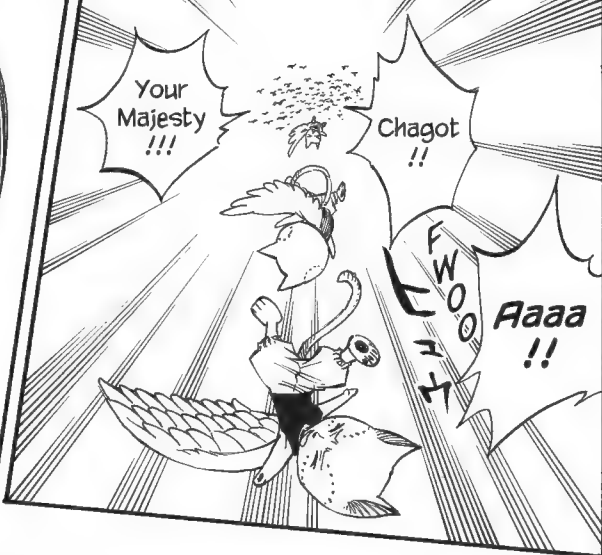
Over something so small ...?!

That's ridiculous!!!



We pronounce you as "Fallen," and banish you from Extalia!!

I can't believe you could have forgotten the law, Lily!!





So
have I.



I'm
sorry...
I...

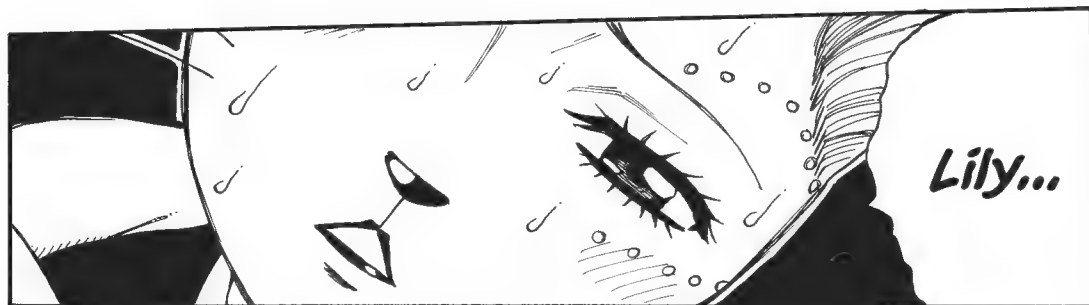


Have
you tired of
telling lies?



No matter
how much
I've come
to hate it...

...Extalia
is still
my land!



Lily...



I'm sure
they'd
understand.

Forgive me!!!! It's all
my fault!!!! I could
have stopped it!!!! I
could have stopped
the humans!!!!



Even with
all these
Exceed
gathered
together,
it still
can't be
stopped.



But...
it's
impos-
sible.



**S
t
o
o
o
p
!!!!**

Dammit ...

We can do it!!

Push !!!

Every-
body,
hang in
there!!!

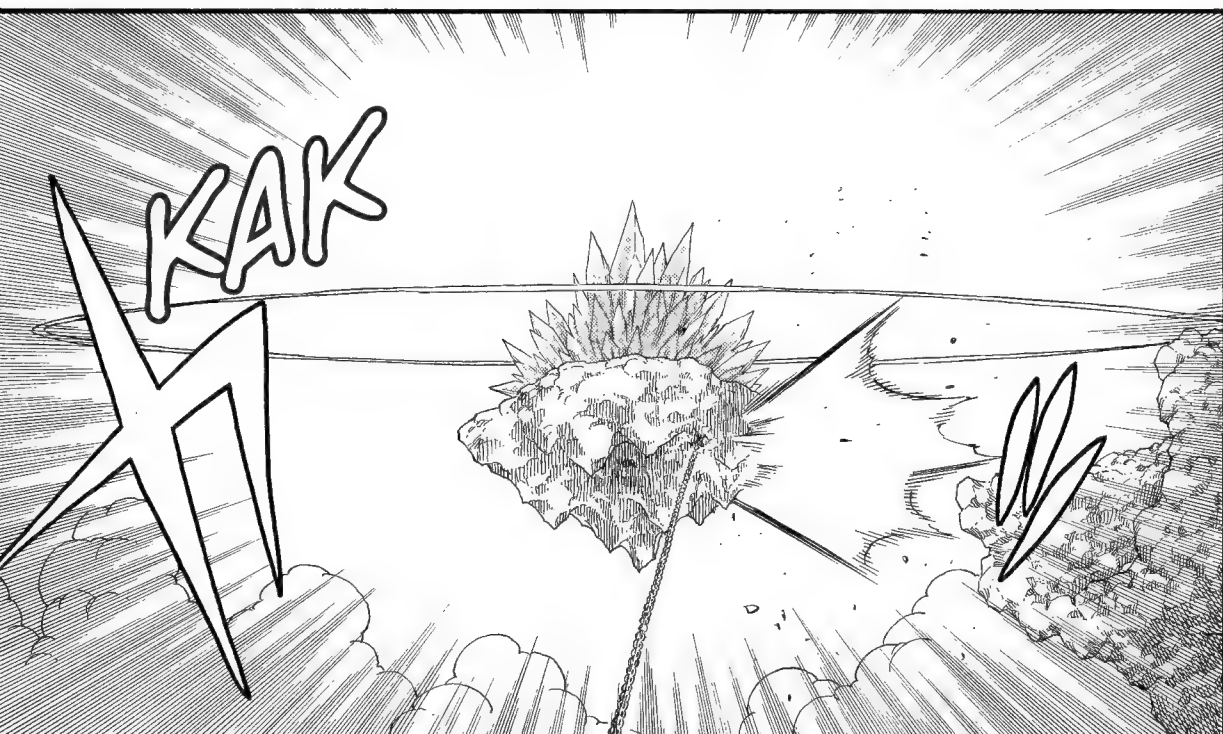
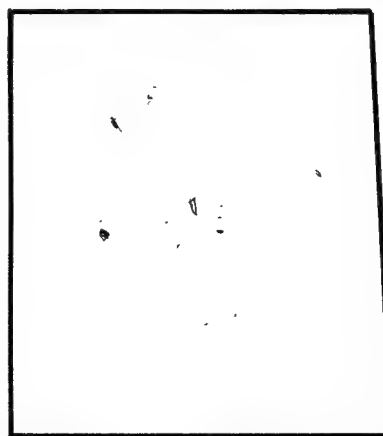
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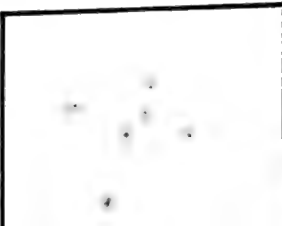
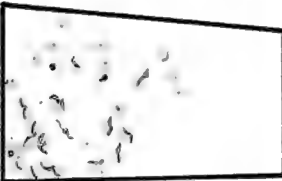
N n n g!

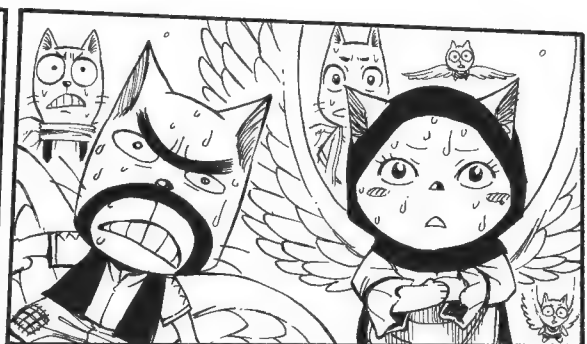
Let's
push
too!!!

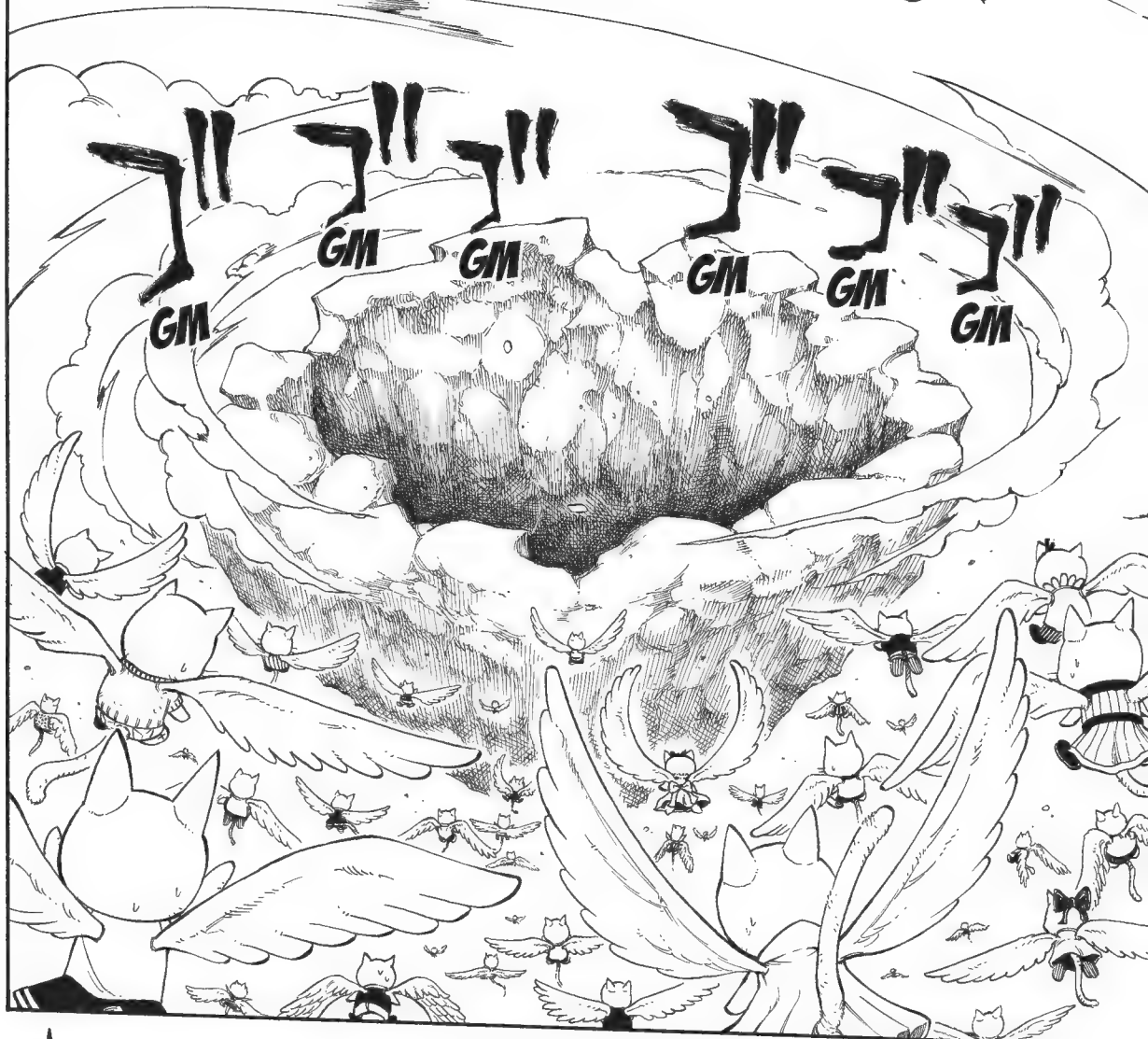
Please
!!!
Stop
!!!!


Aye
!!!












I am also grateful for your efforts. If it wasn't for you, I would not have made it in time.

I am sorry it took so long to find the traces of an anima large enough to return everything to the way it was.




Yes.

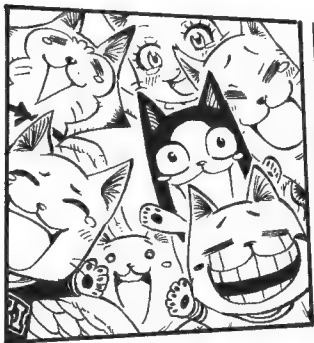
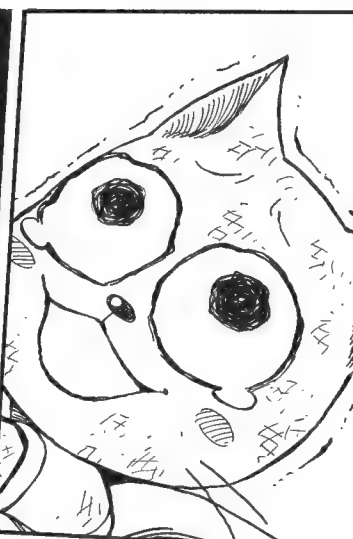
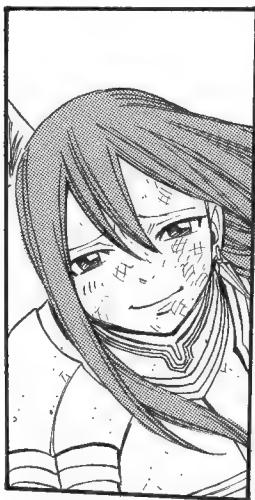


Back to the way it was...?

Ohh !!!



Mystogan!!!

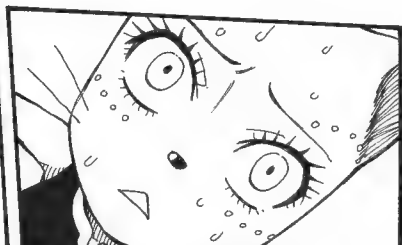




The life
you saved
was mine...



Lily...



*It
isn't
over
yet
!!!!*

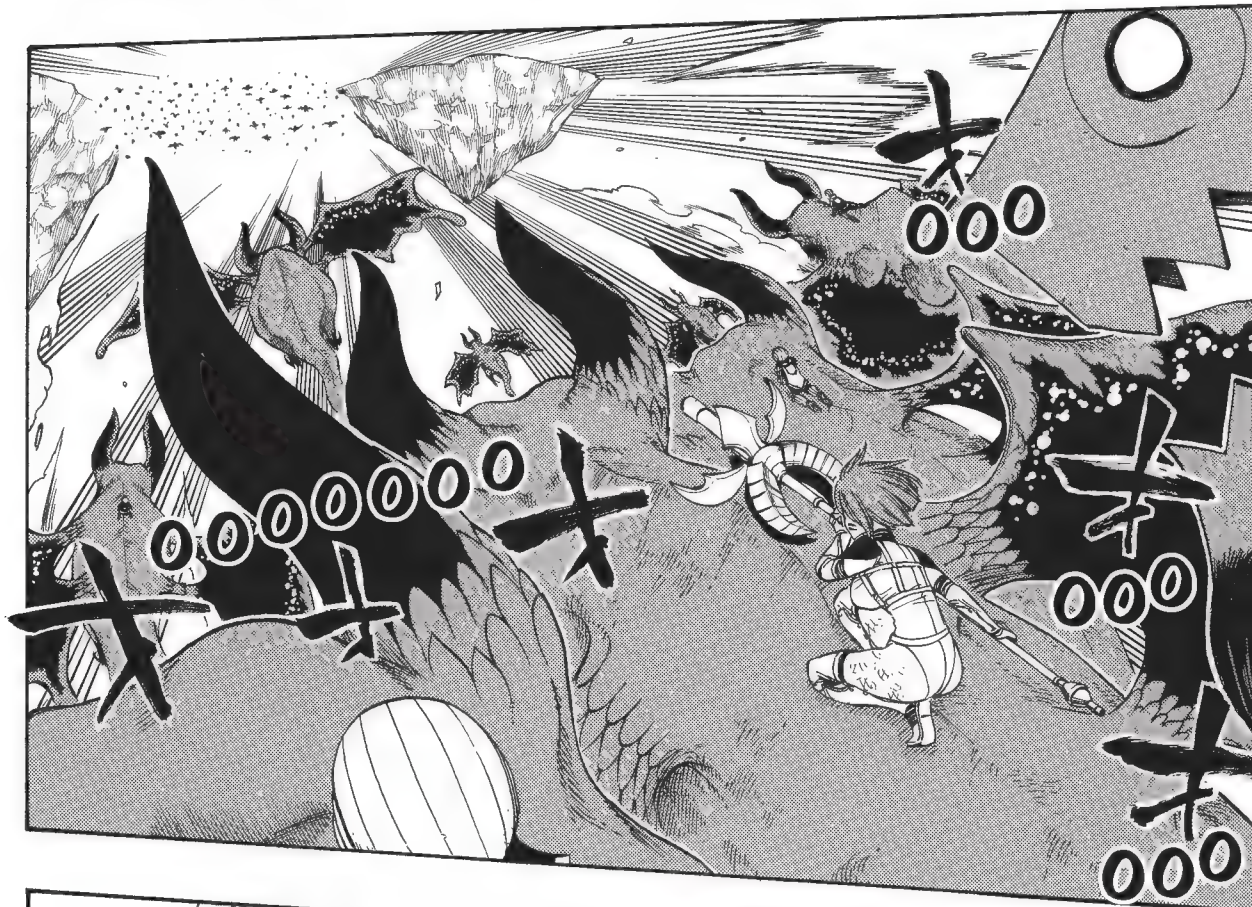


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Chapter 190: Dragon Sense





Somebody... Help Lily!!!





Night-walker...



SCARRRLET!!



WAA



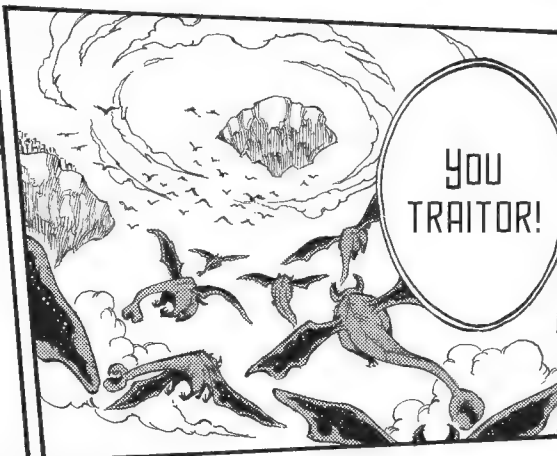
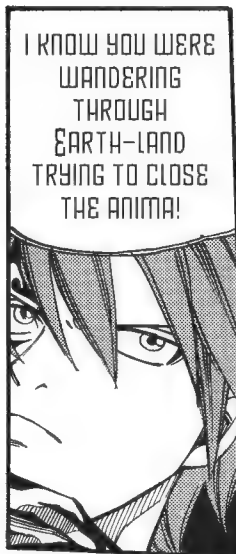
Kh!



Do you intend to defy me, the Prince of the Kingdom of Edolas?

Erza Night-walker?

Prince ?!



THIS IS VENGEANCE
AGAINST THOSE WHO
WOULD STAND AGAINST
THE KING... UNILATERAL
EXTERMINATION!

THIS ISN'T A
"FIGHT!"

YOU'LL
VANISH
WITHOUT
A TRACE!

IF
YOU INTEND
TO STAND IN
OPPOSITION
...

...EVEN YOU
WILL BE
WIPE OUT!

!!!

Wh-
What's that
mean...
?!!

WE WILL CREATE
ANOTHER GIANT LACRIMA
AND FUSE IT WITH THE
EXCEED! WE CAN DO THIS
OVER AND OVER!

ZWUUN
ZUUN

AND IF WE CAN PUT A
STOP TO YOU HERE AND
NOW, THEN THERE WILL
BE NO FOOLS LEFT TO
OPPOSE OUR EARTH-LAND
ANIMA PLAN!

Yes...

I AM NOT
YOUR FATHER,
I AM THE KING
OF EODIAS!

Father
...

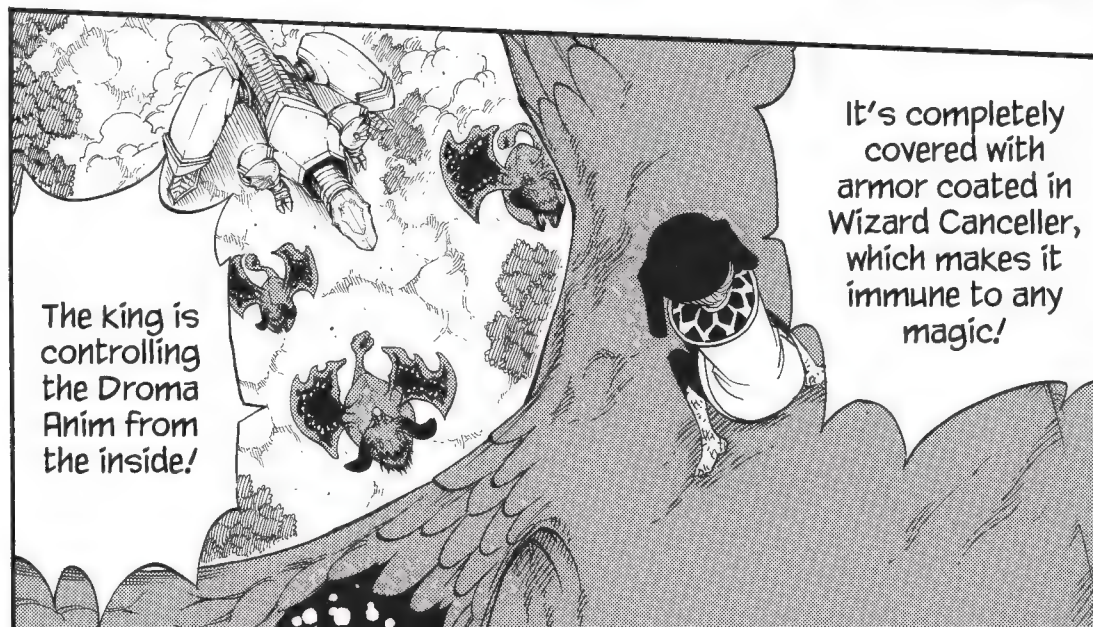
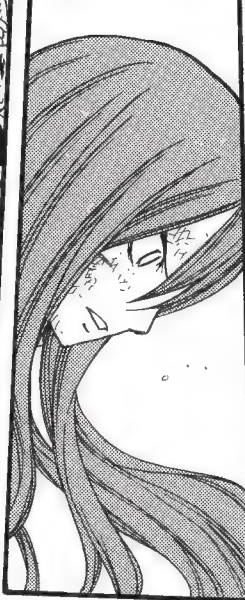


Wa ha ha ha
ha ha!!!!
There is
nothing
the King
cannot
do!!!!

ROOAAAR

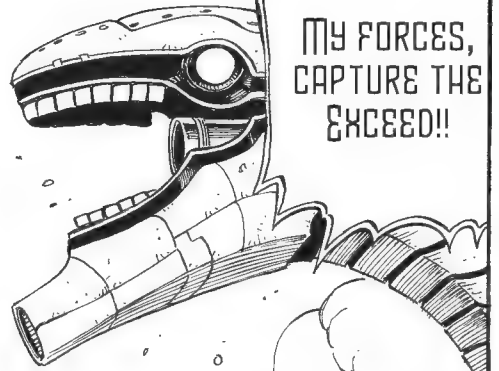
The
power
of the
king is
absolute
!!!!

ROOAAAR

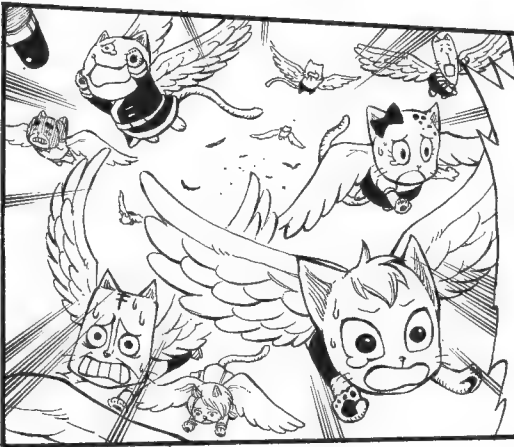




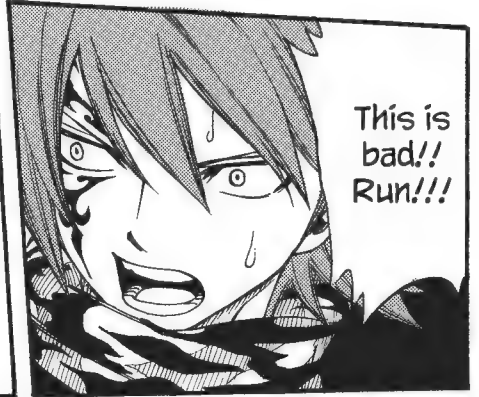
Yes,
Sire!



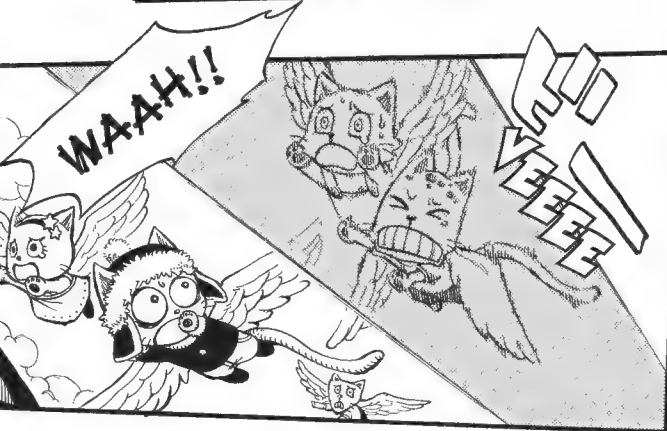
MY FORCES,
CAPTURE THE
EXCEED!!



W
A
A
A
A
H
!



This is
bad!!
Run!!!



WAAH!!

VEEE



P
O
F
F



Don't let
them get
away!!!

KAK



Every-
body....!!
Get
out of
here....!!

You
have to
survive
!!!

Now,
Chagot!!
Let's go!



This is
terrible!!

We'll be
turned into
lacrima
if we're
caught!

Get away
from
here!!!

WAAH!



R
i
g
h
t
!!!!

BWOOOOOOO

Get
them
!!!!



The only thing to do
is to fight it while
dodging its attacks!!
The Exceed are
helpless right now!!!
We have to protect
them!!



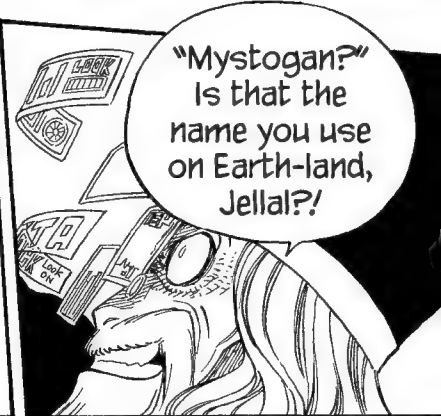
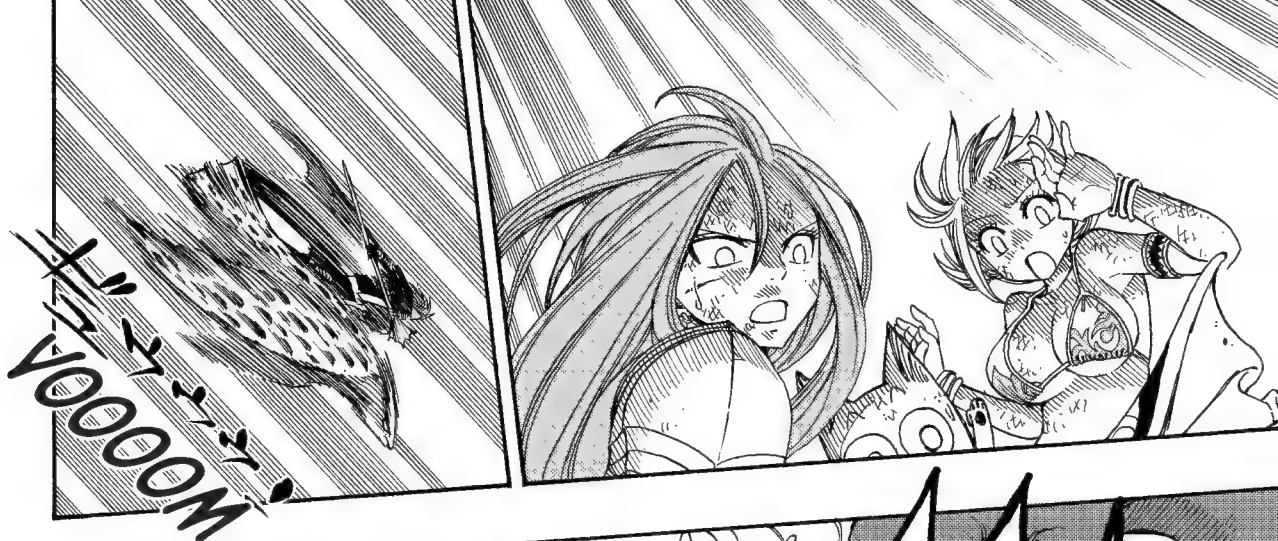
How do
we take
down that
huge thing,
though?

Right!

You don't
stand a chance
against it!
It's immune
to magic!

Attack
Night-
walker
and her
troops!

We have to
protect the
Exceed from
the royal
forces!!

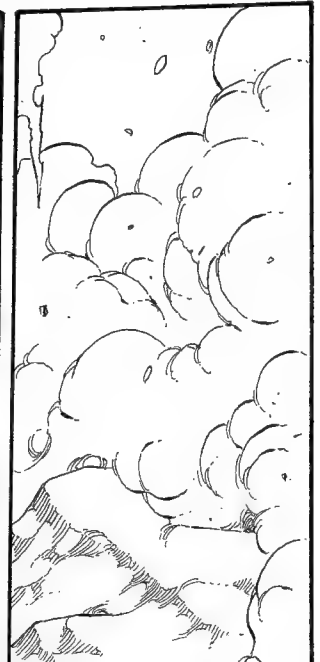




MIRROR
POOL!!!!



Three-
Layered
Magic
Circle...







Dammit!!!
It's going to
be impossible
to fight that
thing while
avoiding its
attacks!!!

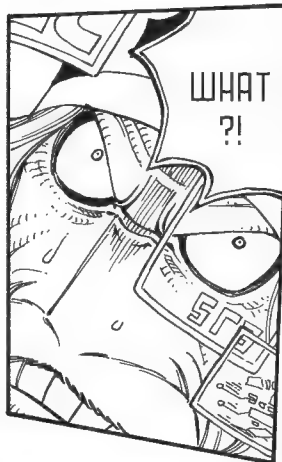


AND
YOU'RE
NEXT!!



FALLING TO
EARTH!!!
HOW
FITTING!!!!

NOW YOU
WILL DIE
WHERE YOU
FELL!!!!



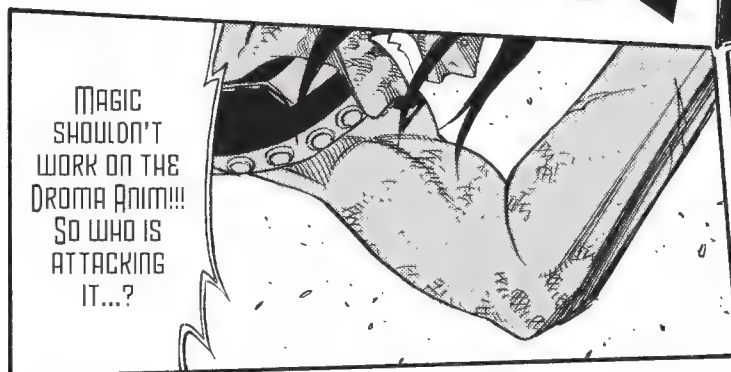
WHAT
?!





NGAH!

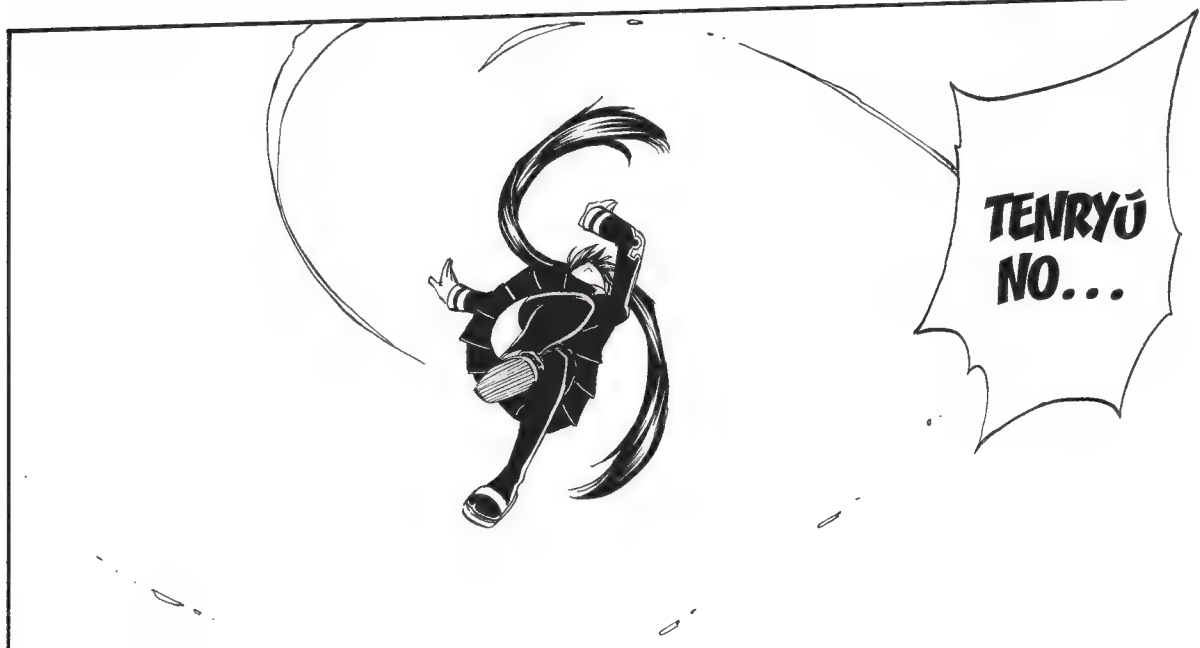
NOON!



MAGIC
SHOULDN'T
WORK ON THE
DROMA ANIM!!!
SO WHO IS
ATTACKING
IT...?



WHAT
?!

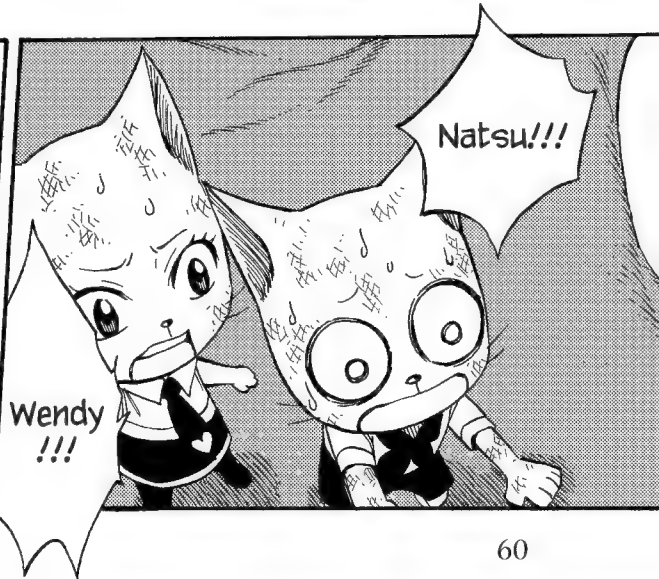
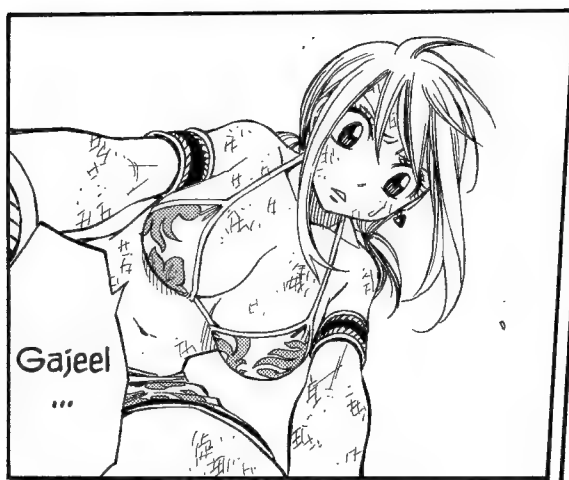
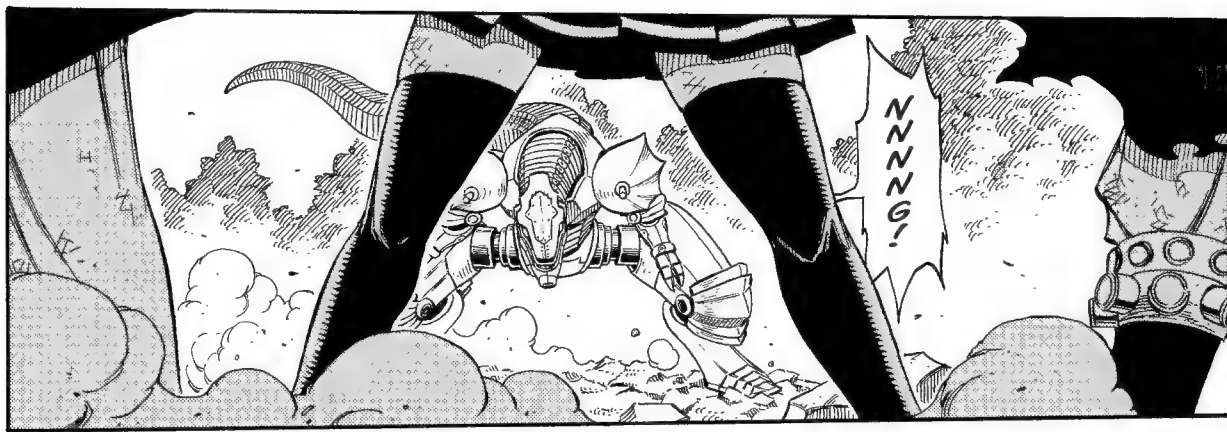


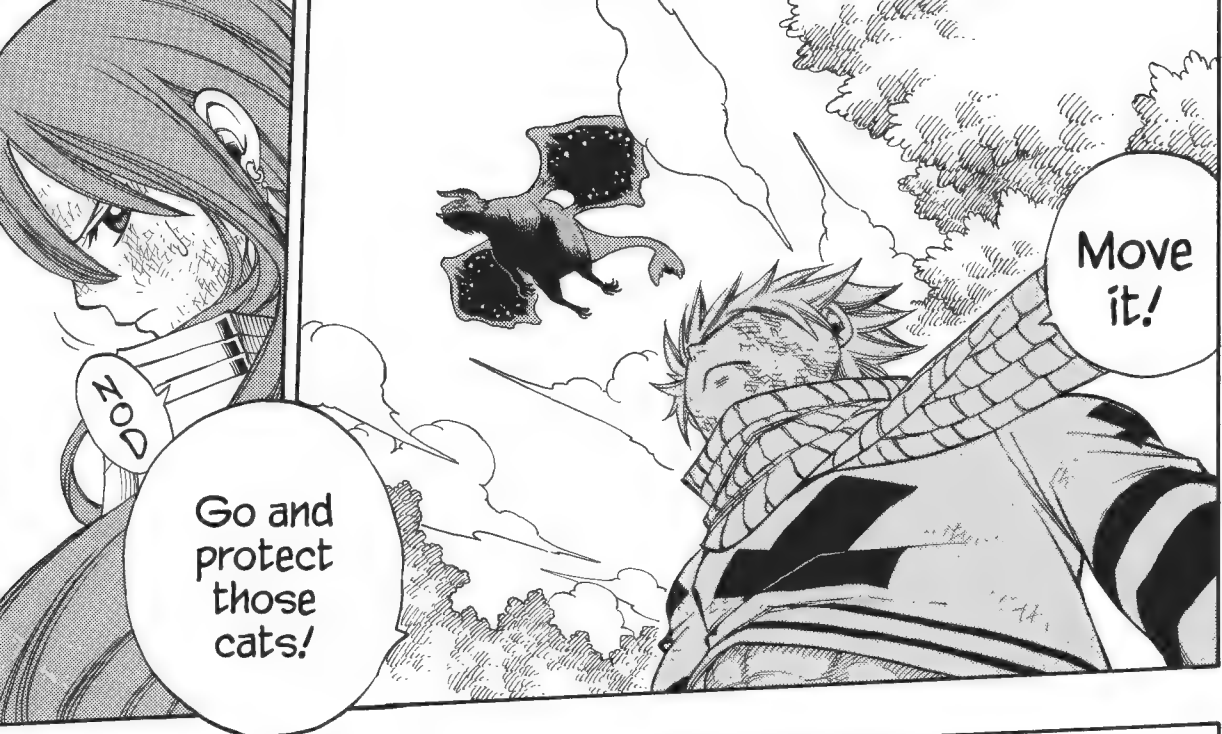
TENRYŪ
NO...



*Sky Dragon's Roar







Move it!

Go and protect those cats!



Will those three be okay?

No problem!



Because they're...

And they're the only ones who can stop it.

That's a dragon!

GWOOO

**Dragon
slayer
wizards
!!!!**

oooooooo

FW

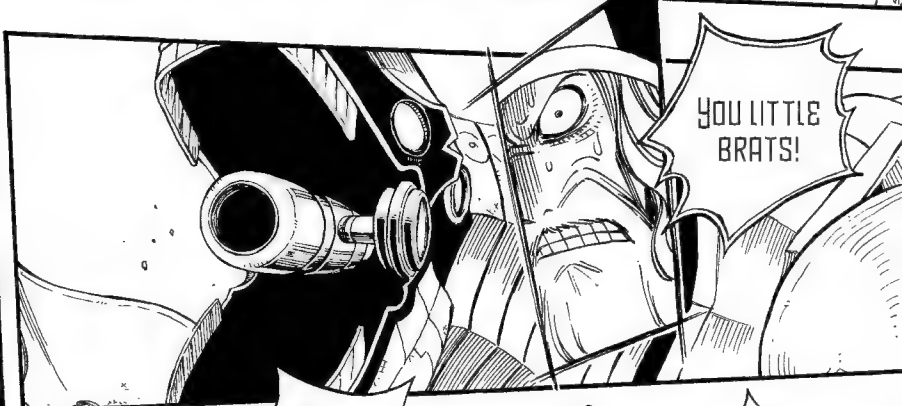


FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 191: Three-Man Cell







**Iron Dragon Club!!!!

*Fire Dragon's Iron Fist!!!!



MAGIC SHOULD'N'T HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THE DROMA ANIM!



How tough is this thing?!



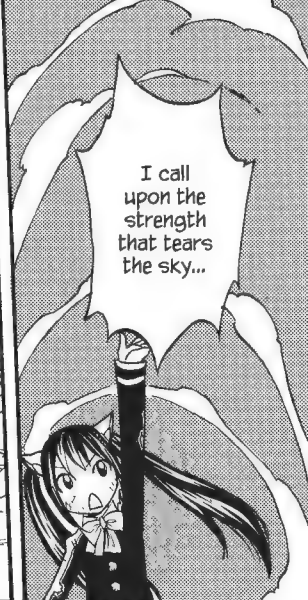
KARYŪ NO TEKKEN* !!!!

TETSU-
RYŪ
KON**
!!!!



ARMS
!!!!

GWOON
GWOON



I call
upon the
strength
that tears
the sky...



It's
magic to
make your
attacks
more
powerful
!!!



This
is...

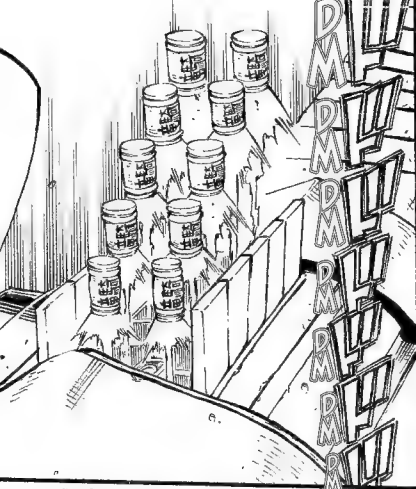


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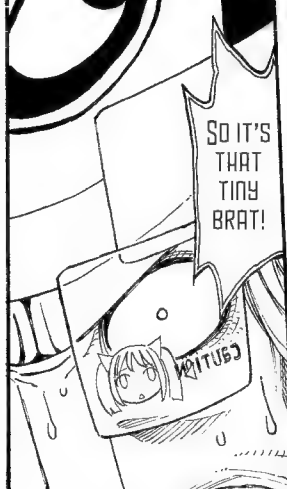


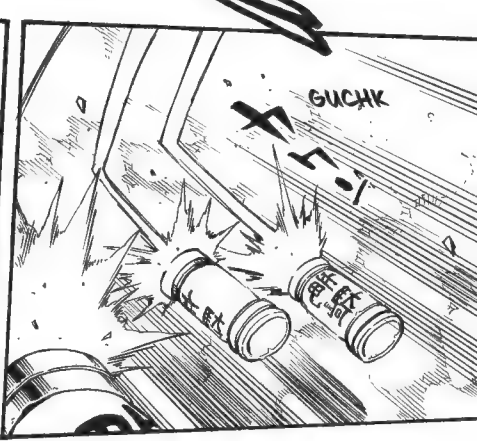
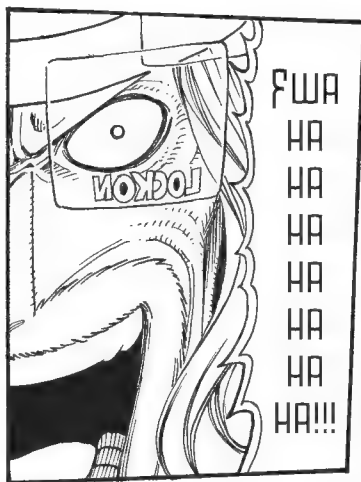
KAWHOOM

Right
!!!!

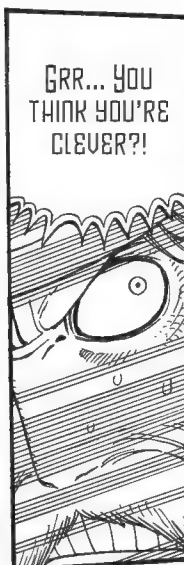


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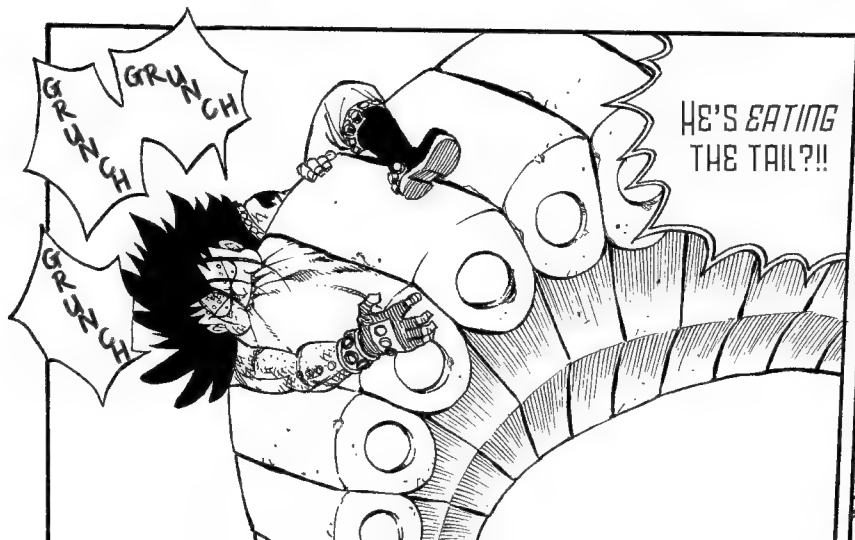
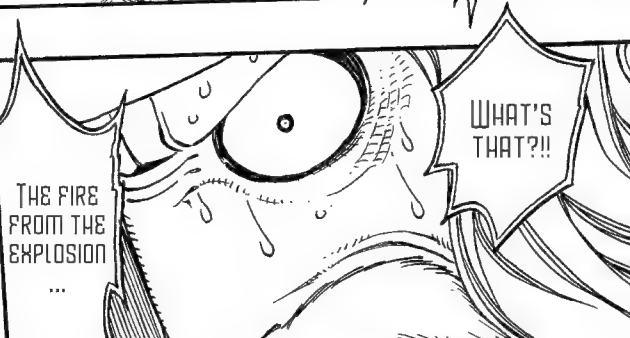
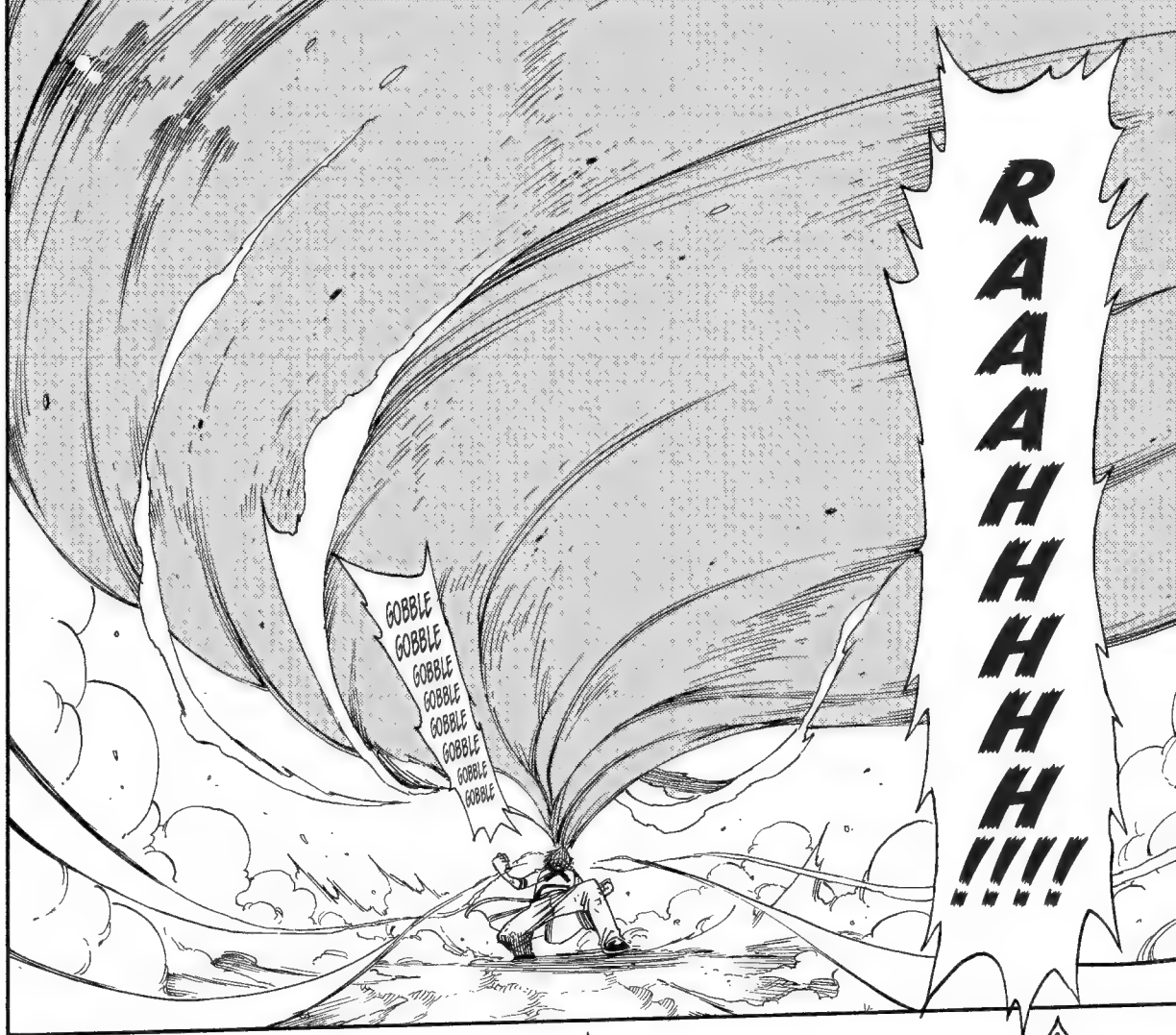


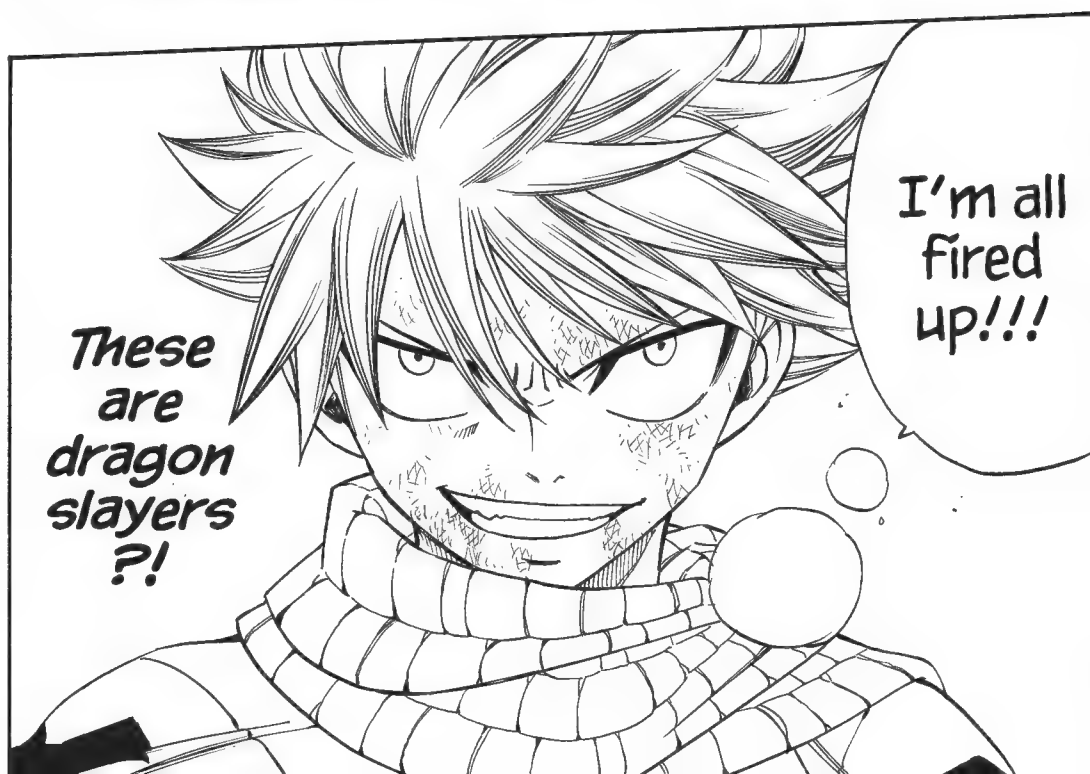
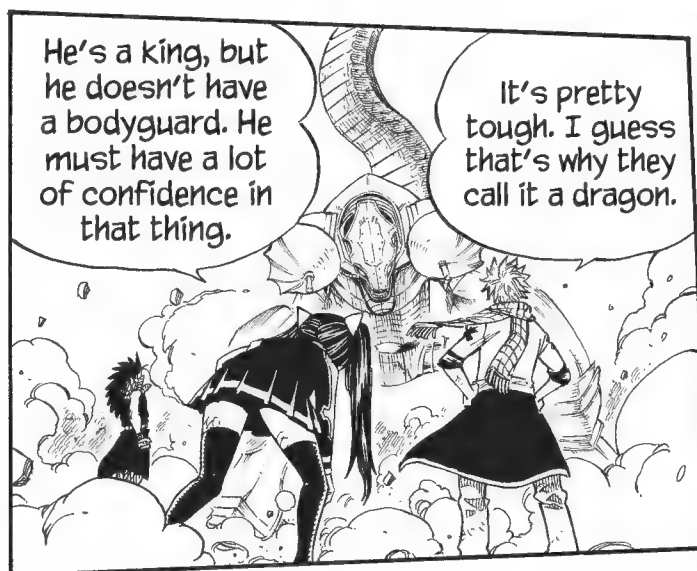


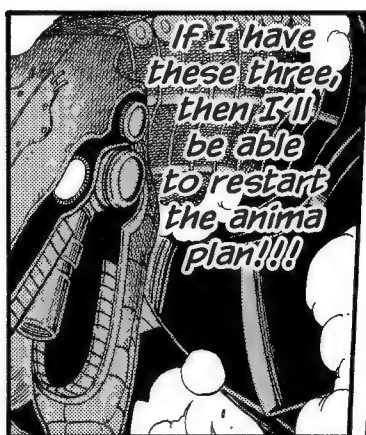
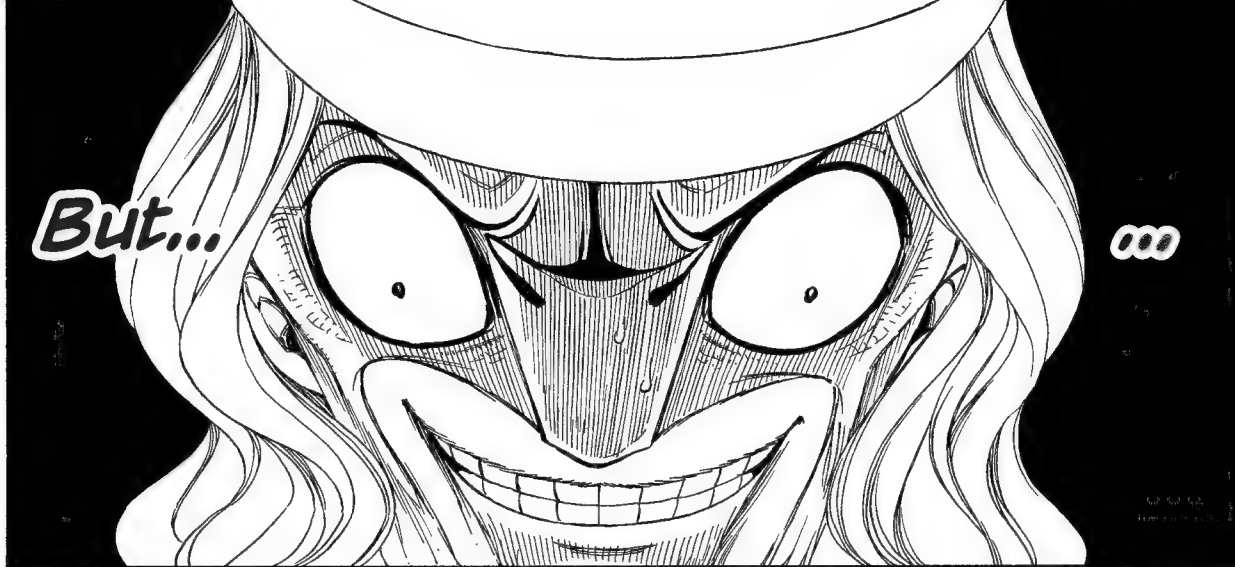










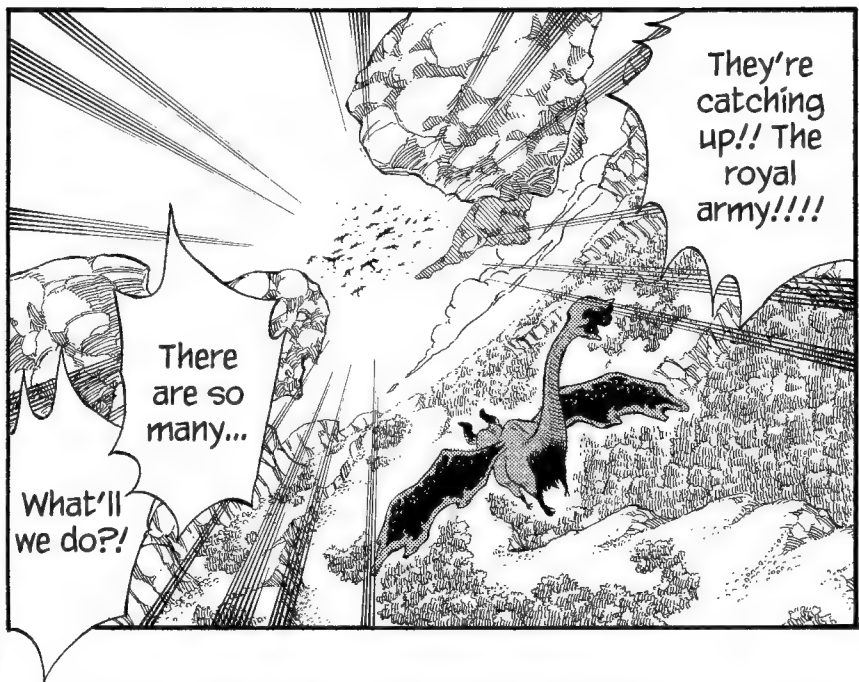


WITH THE
POWER
OF THE
DROMA
ANIM
BLACK
HEAVEN
!!!!

FIRST,
I'LL ROB
ALL
THREE
OF YOU
OF THE
WILL TO
FIGHT
!!!!









You say you... waited?



I've been waiting for you, Scarlet!

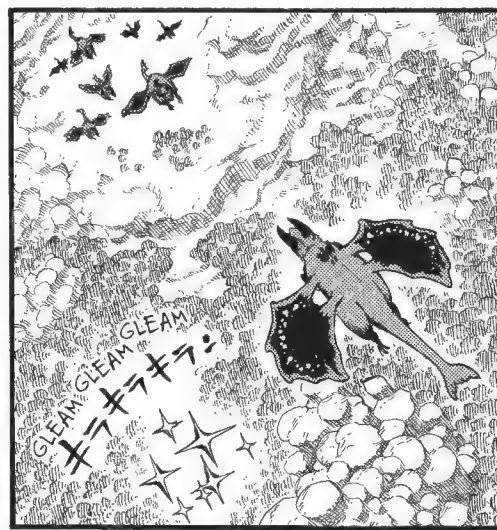


Legi-pyon!!

Kyaaa!!!

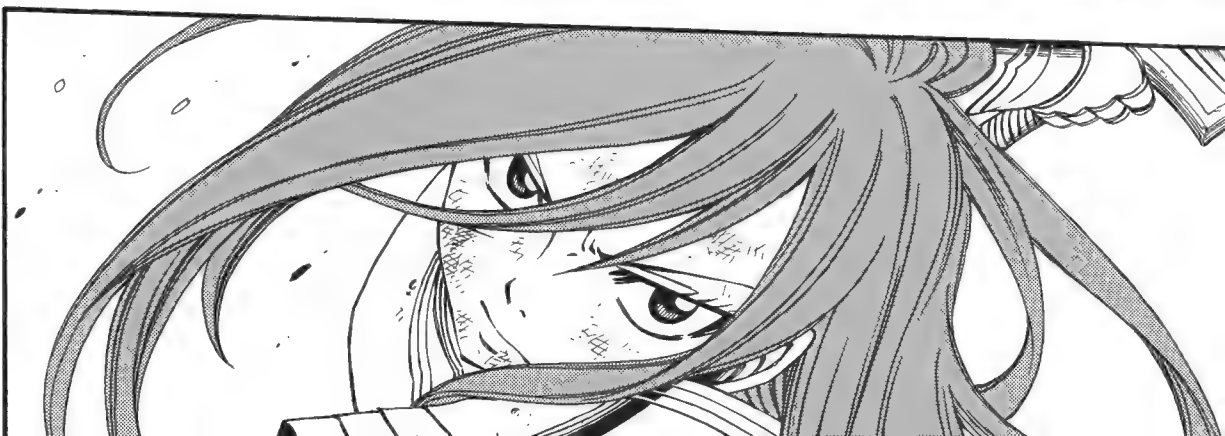
WAH!!

GWAHHH!!




An ambush?!

Oh, no! It's a trap!!







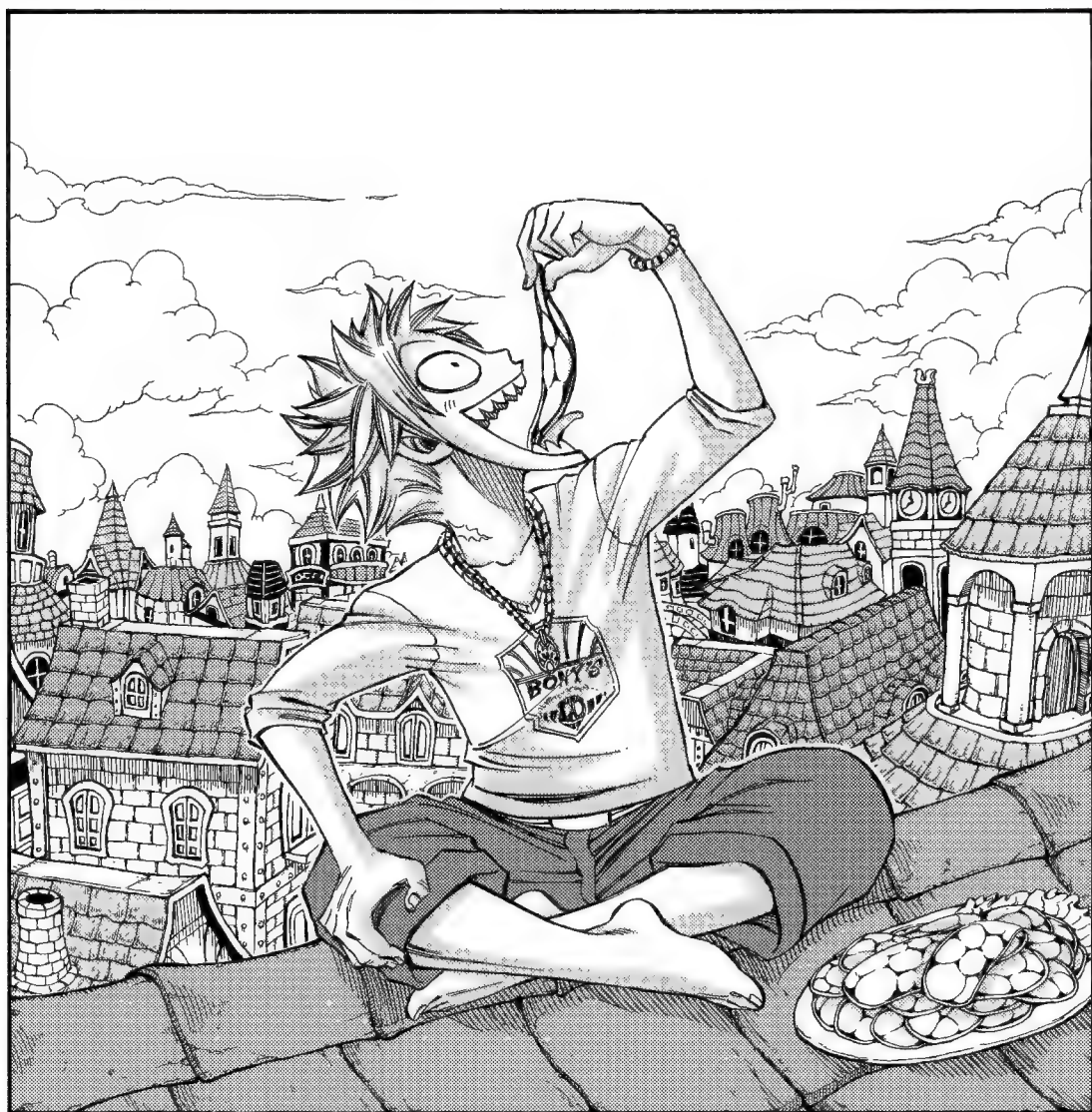
*This fight
won't end
until one
of us is
gone!!!!*

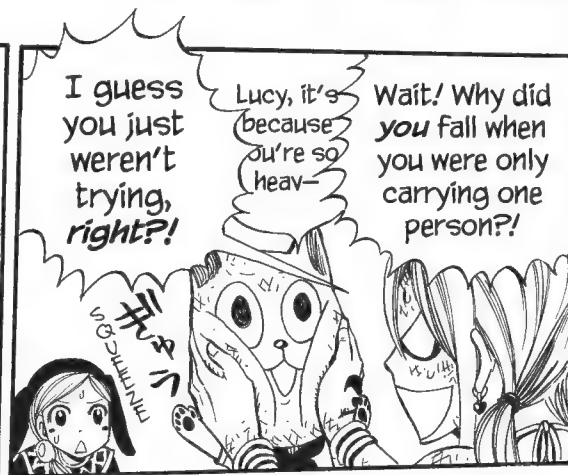
GAKKEN

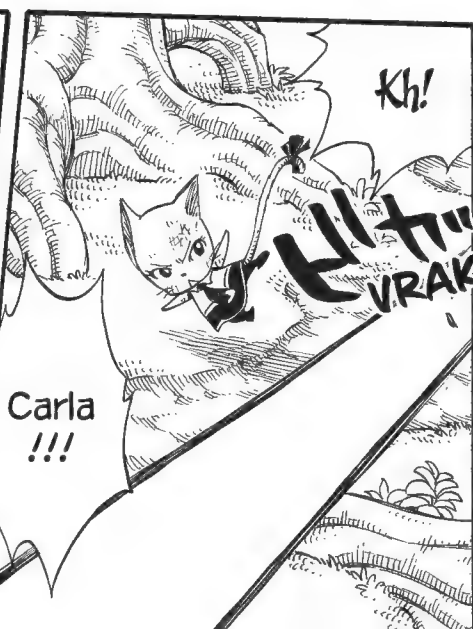
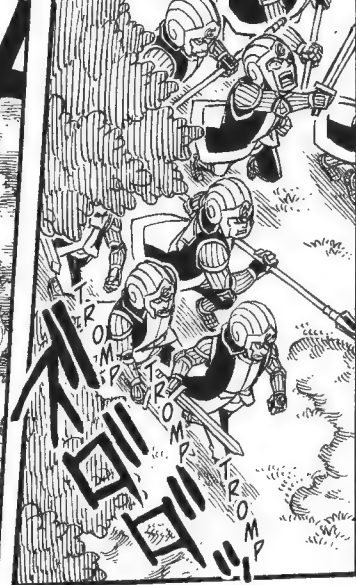
FAIRY TAIL

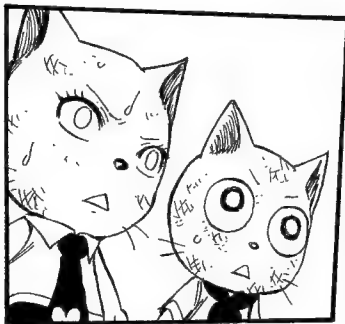
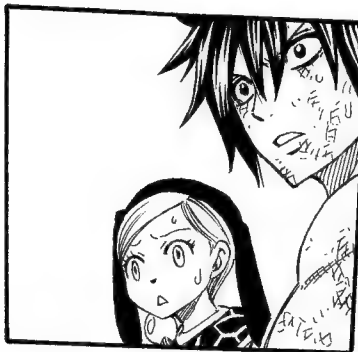
フェアリーテイル

Chapter 192: Won't Run Anymore











...just
to make
them into
a source
for *your*
magic?!

You'd
do awful
things to
the Exceed
...

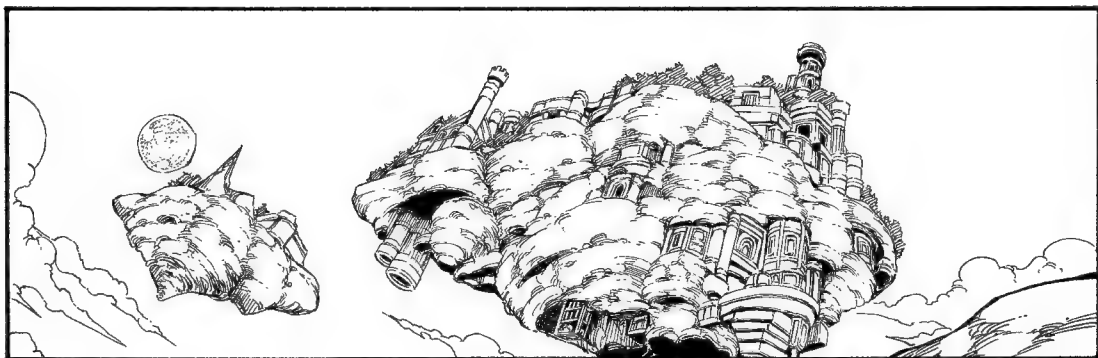


Is that
what the
humans
of this
world
do?!

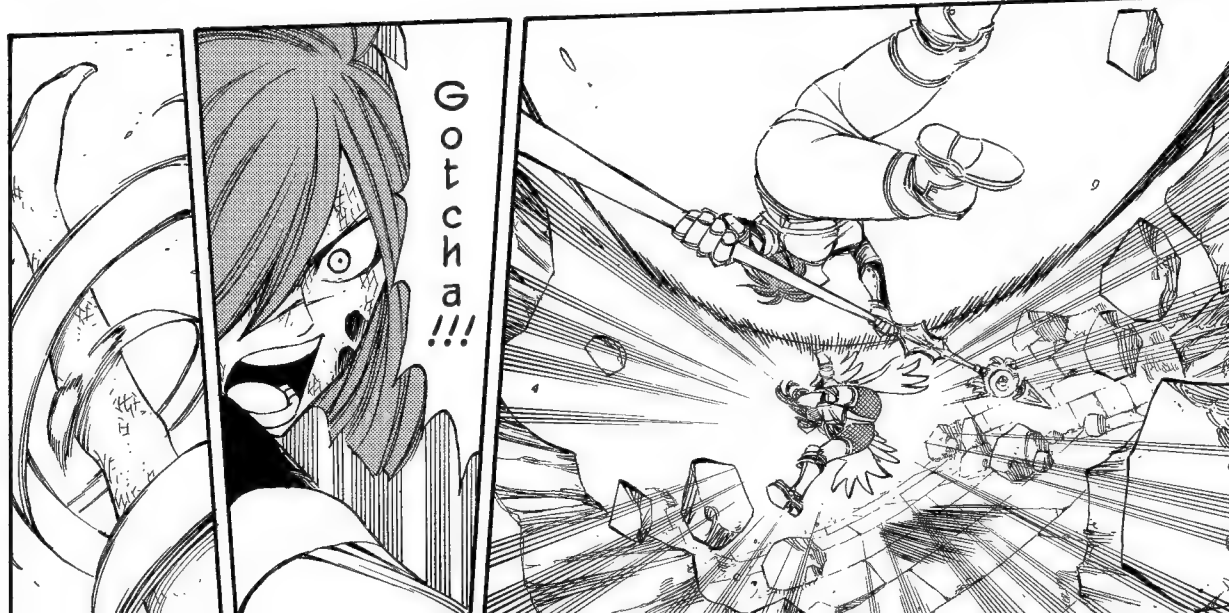


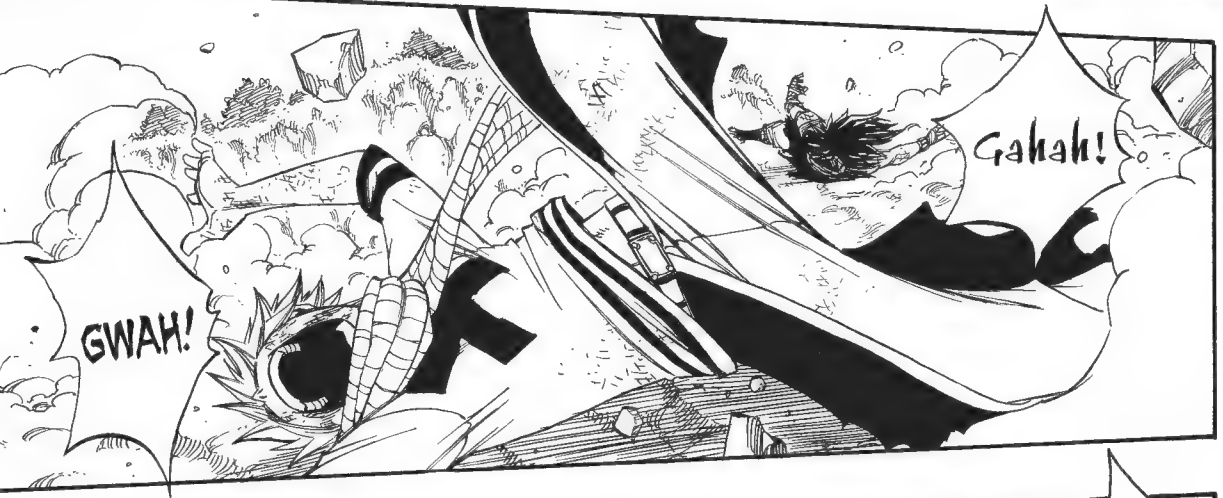
Well
you butt-
wipes aren't
getting your
hands on my
friends!!!





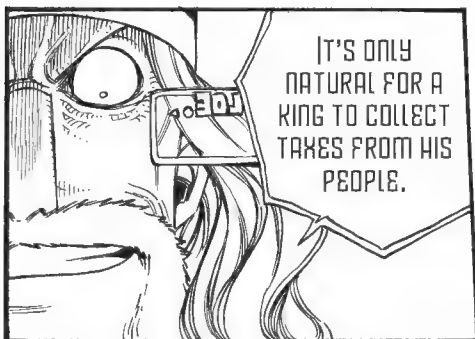
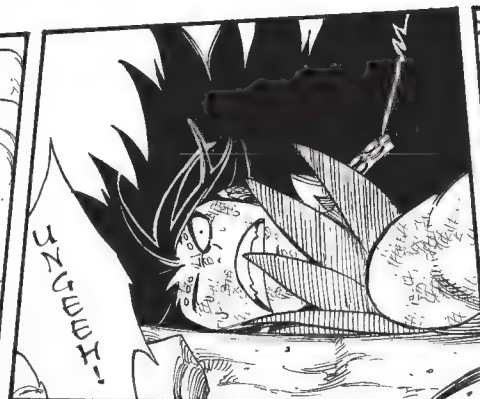
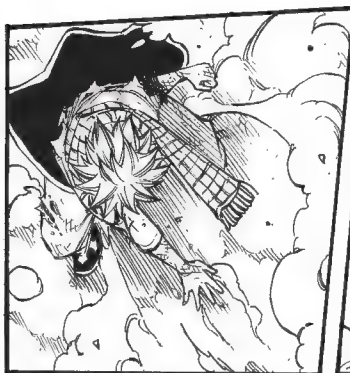






**YOU
WORMS
DON'T
STAND A
CHANCE
!!!!**

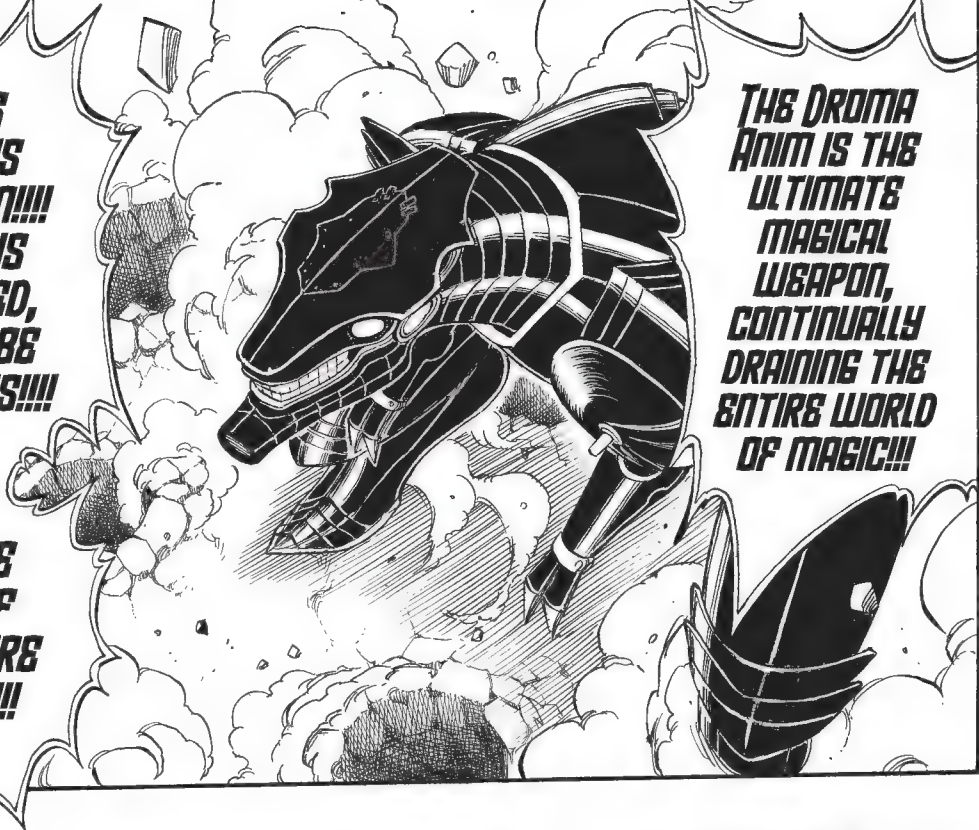
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM



**THAT IS
WHY IT IS
FORBIDDEN!!!!
ONCE IT IS
UNLEASHED,
IT MUST BE
VICTORIOUS!!!!**

**FOR THE
SAKE OF
THE ENTIRE
WORLD!!!!**

**THE DROMA
ANIM IS THE
ULTIMATE
MAGICAL
WEAPON,
CONTINUALLY
DRAINING THE
ENTIRE WORLD
OF MAGIC!!!**



I don't
know
about the
"world"...

We
entered
our guild
to help
people
live.

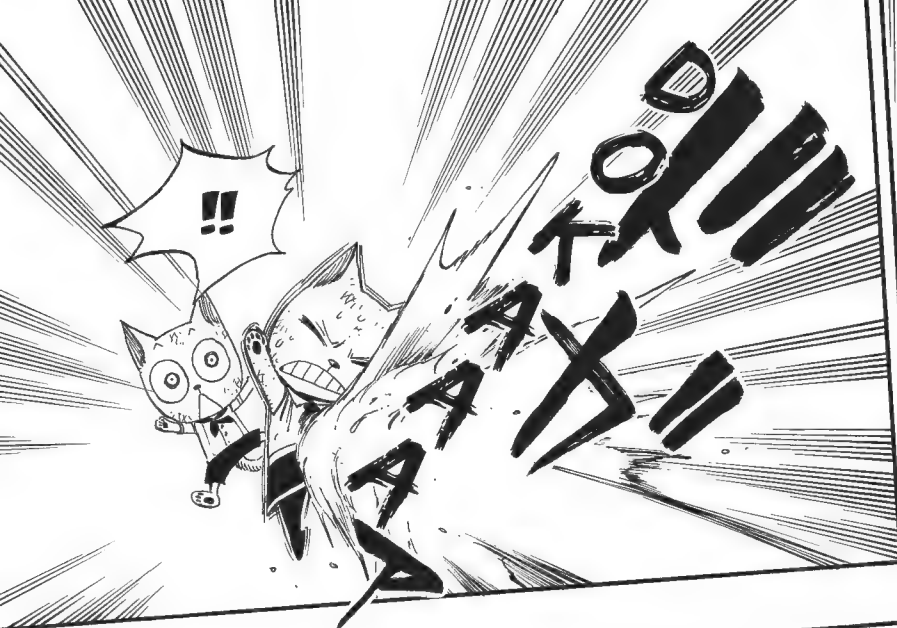
You got
some guts
saying that
after stealing
magic from
everybody!

Give me
a break!

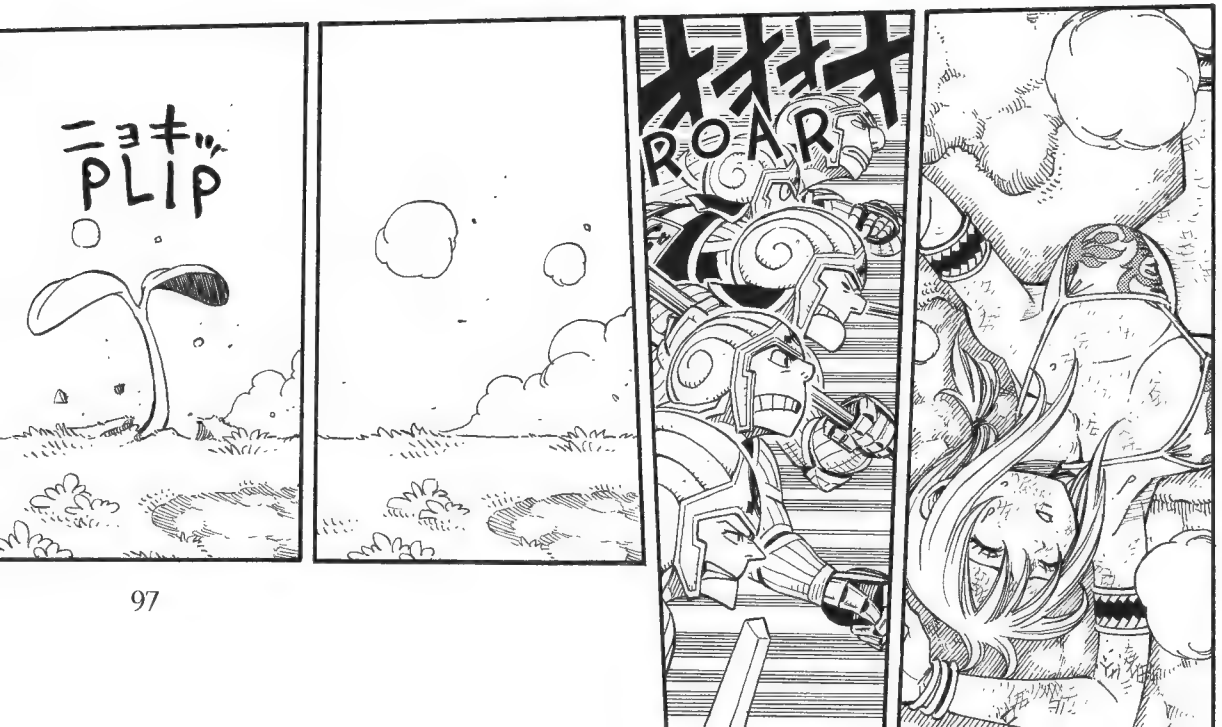
**We're
gonna
take you
down!!!!**

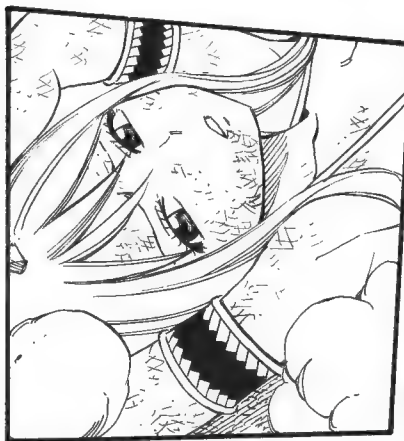
**But for
everybody
living in
it...**

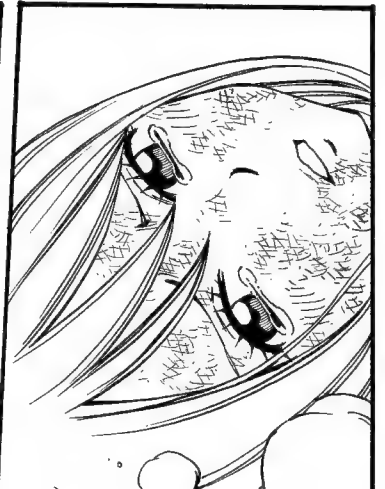














We can't
keep
running
forever
!!!

Let's
do it!

**Fairy
Tail
?!**

So we're
going to
show you
the power of
camaraderie
!!!

**Yeah
!!!**

DOSUKOI

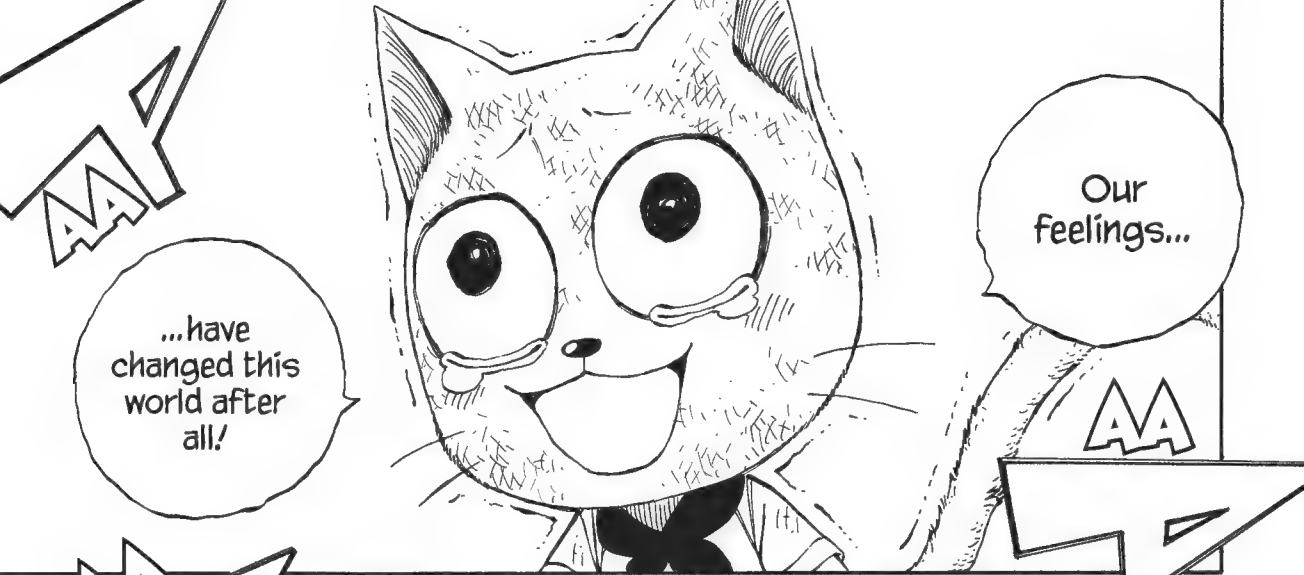
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 193: To Be Alive







...have
changed this
world after
all!

Our
feelings...



Let's get
'em, Bis-
Bis!

AI-
AI!

Shadow
Gear!!!

We're
the best
there
is!!!

You
guys had
better get
more glory
than Lucy,
got it?!!

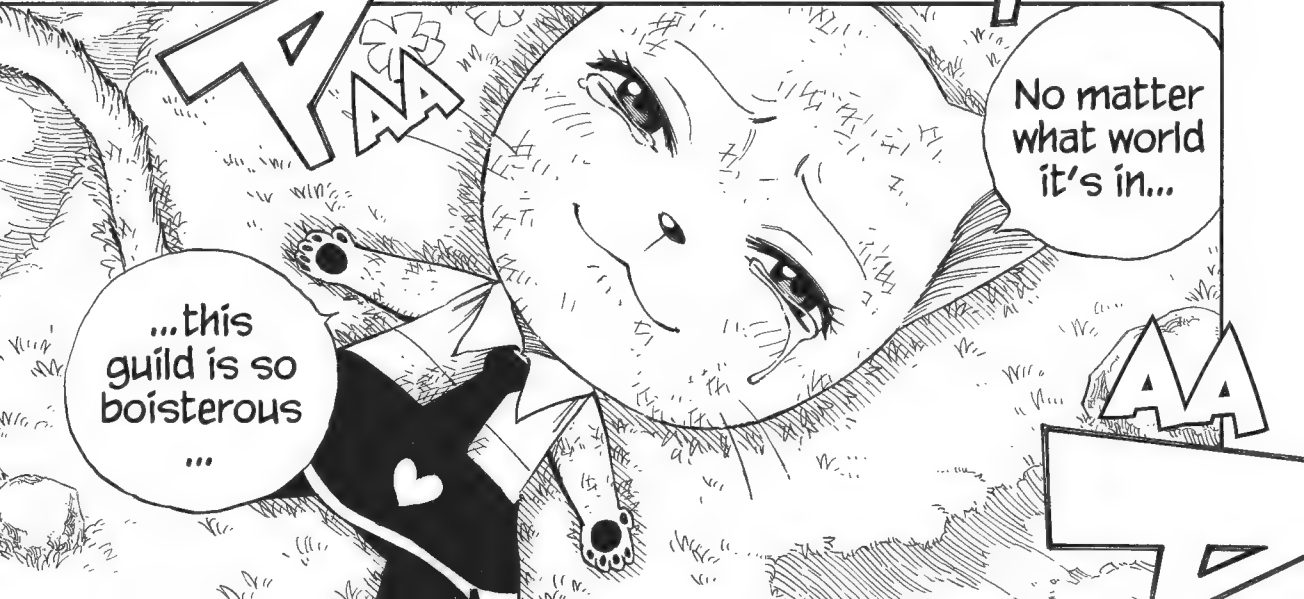
Yeah!
Thanks,
Lisanna-
chan!

Natsu,
give it
to 'em!

Huh?

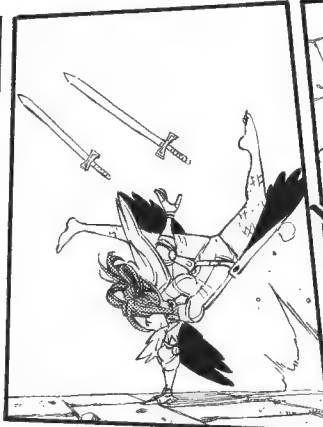
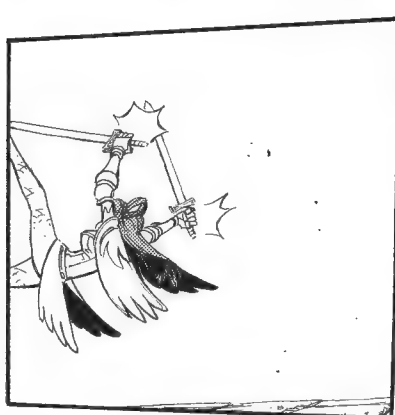
I'm
a little
jealous!

Juvia
can't believe
there are two
Grays!
A tough spot
for Juvia!



...this
guild is so
boisterous
...

No matter
what world
it's in...





Night-walker
!!



Scarriet!!



FWOOOOOOOOM

オオオオオオオオ



HAH

HAH

HAH



CRUMBLE

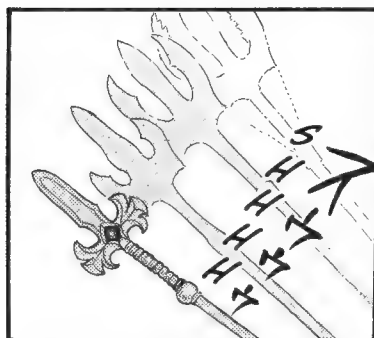


CHHATKI



Stalemate?
You're
wrong!

I never
thought the
stalemate
would last
this long...

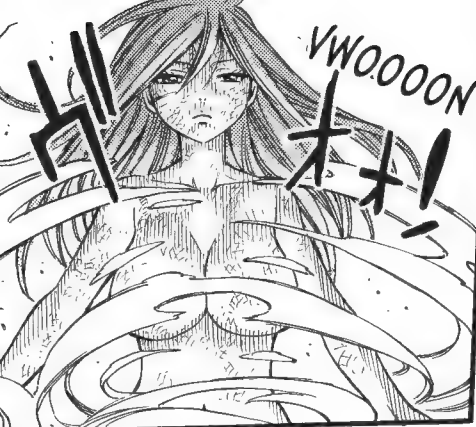


You still
haven't
seen the
final form
of the Ten
Command-
ments!



**SACRED
SPEAR:
RAVELT
!!!!**

BOOOOM



This next attack will make the heavens resound with ultimate destruction!

This is the sacred spear forged by the finest smith in Edolas!



ARMADURA FAIRY!!!!

You have no reason to care, but this armor is named after my guild.

Come !!

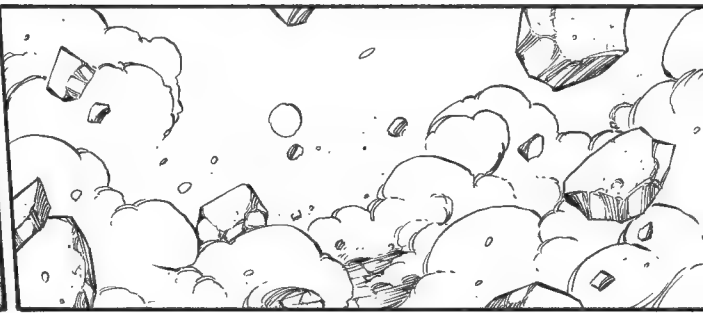
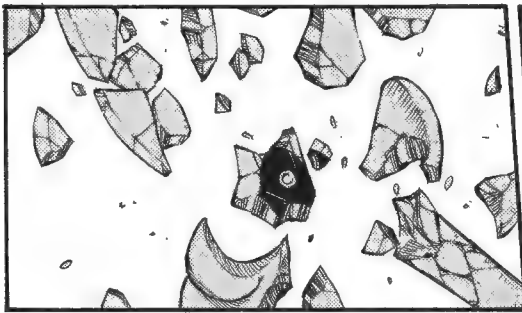
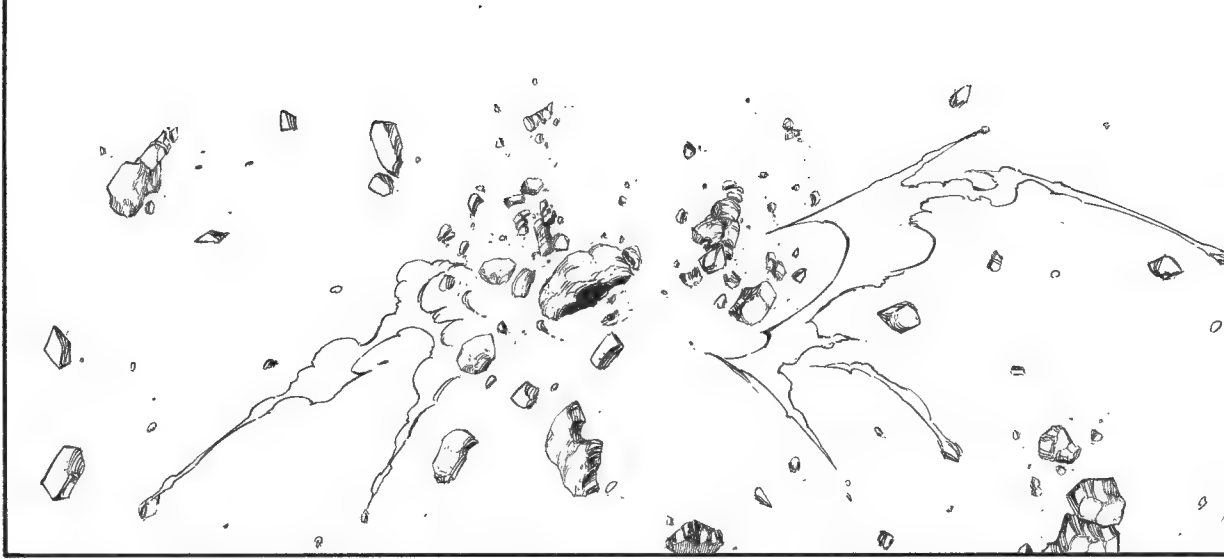
This'll be fun !!!

So you're saying it's your strongest?!

**Rrooaah
!!!**



**Rrooaah
!!!**





Neither of us have any magic left!



That attack destroyed the floating island?!



Wha-?!

Kh...

CRACK

CRUMBLE



Gah!

...going to take you out!!!

GANCH!!



But I'm still...

POW!!



GASH

KRA-KOW

CRACK

CRACK



GANCH!!

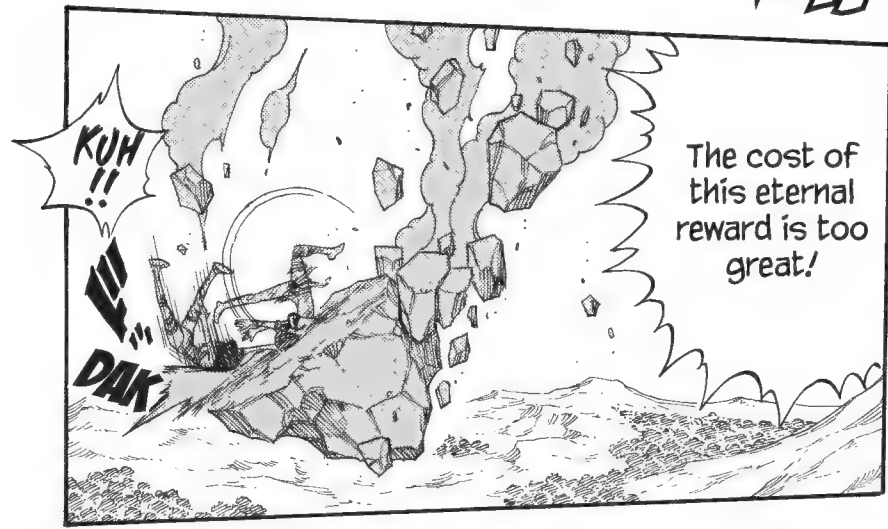
Right!!

OUFF!!



*I
can't
be de-
feated
!!!*

The
reward is
eternal
magic
!!!



The cost of
this eternal
reward is too
great!



**That's
what
humans
do!!!!**



You
oppress
others!!
You
destroy
others!!

You
intimidate
to steal!

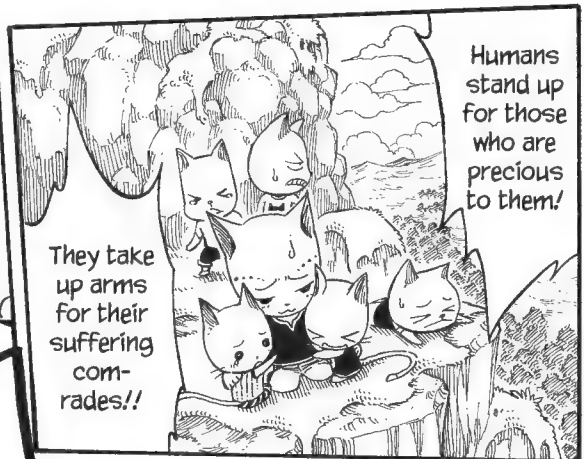
You
abduct
to steal!



What
humans
do is
love
!!!!



Don't you even
hear the screams
of pain from
the people of
your world,
Nightwalker?!



Humans
stand up
for those
who are
precious
to them!

They take
up arms
for their
suffering
com-
rades!!



Wrong
!!!



Our
magic is
drying
up... And
that's
why I...

I hear
them far
clearer
than *you*
!!!

UNF!!



People are
what's
important
!!!!



A dead
world where
magic is
completely
used up!

This world
is headed
toward
death!



We can't
live unless
we come
up with
some way
to get
eternal
magic!!!!

Nobody
from
Earth-land
can ever
under-
stand
that!!!!

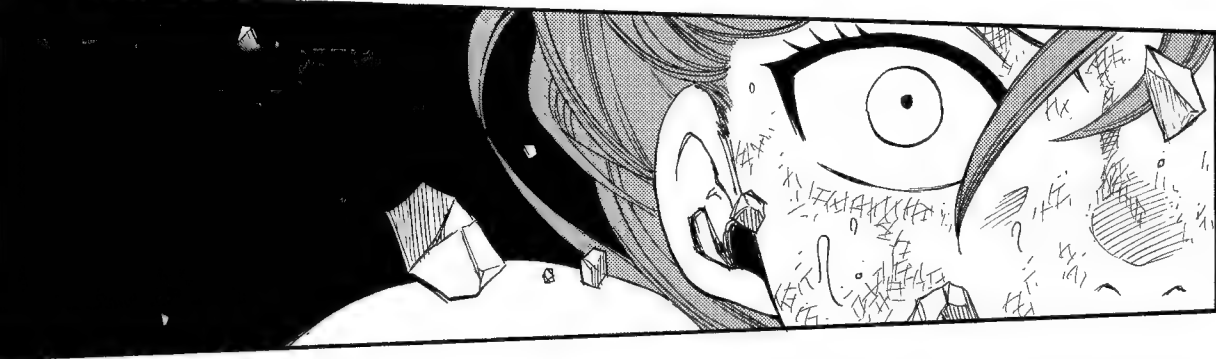
The
unrest,
fear,
despair
that
losing our
magic has
caused
!!!

**Even
without
magic,
we're still
alive!!!!**

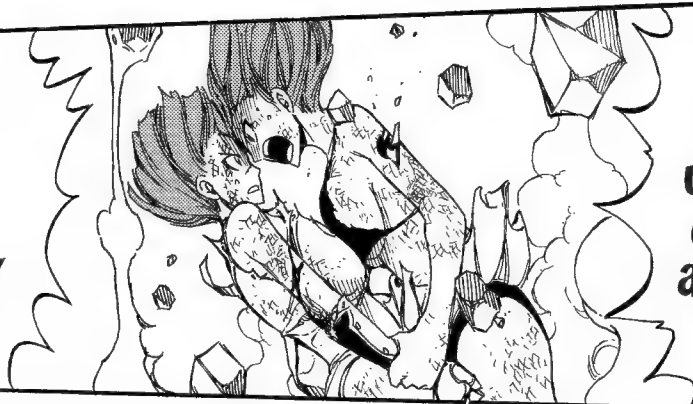


**Right
?!!!**

**We're
alive
now,
this
instant
...**



**But people
don't die
from that!!!**



**Look at
us!!!! We
used up all
our magic
a long time
ago!!!!**

**That's
what it
means to
be alive
!!!**



**There
still is
strength
!!!!**



**People
overcome
stuff like
weakness
and fear!!**



**So I
know
you have
the same
loving
heart as
well!!!**

**Listen
to me,
Erza!!!!**

**You have
the same
vices and
weaknesses
inside you
that I have
!!!!**

**What
...?**

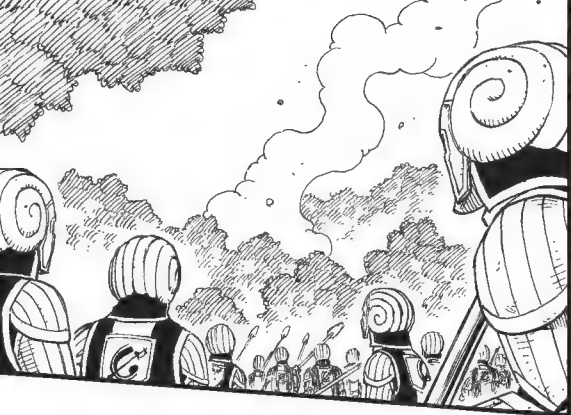
**Those
voices tell
the truth
!!!!**

**This is
Erza...**

**...This is
me?**

**Listen
closely
to the
voices of
the living
!!!!**

**T
e
a
r
s
...?**

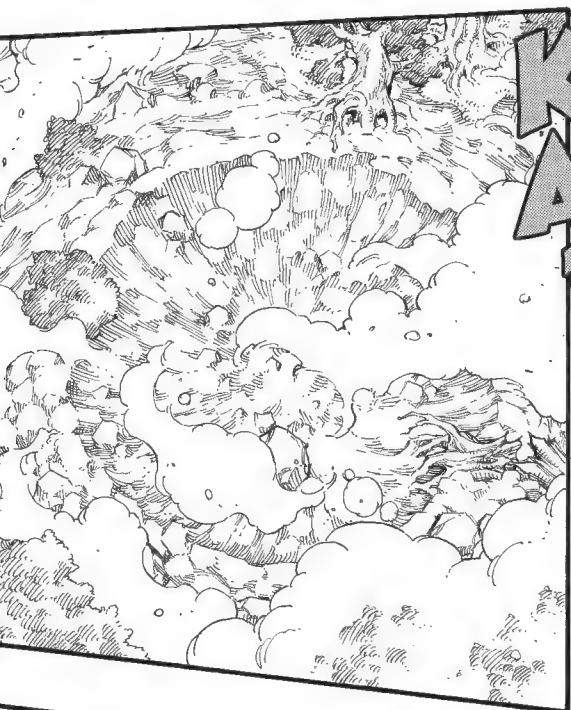


Erza?



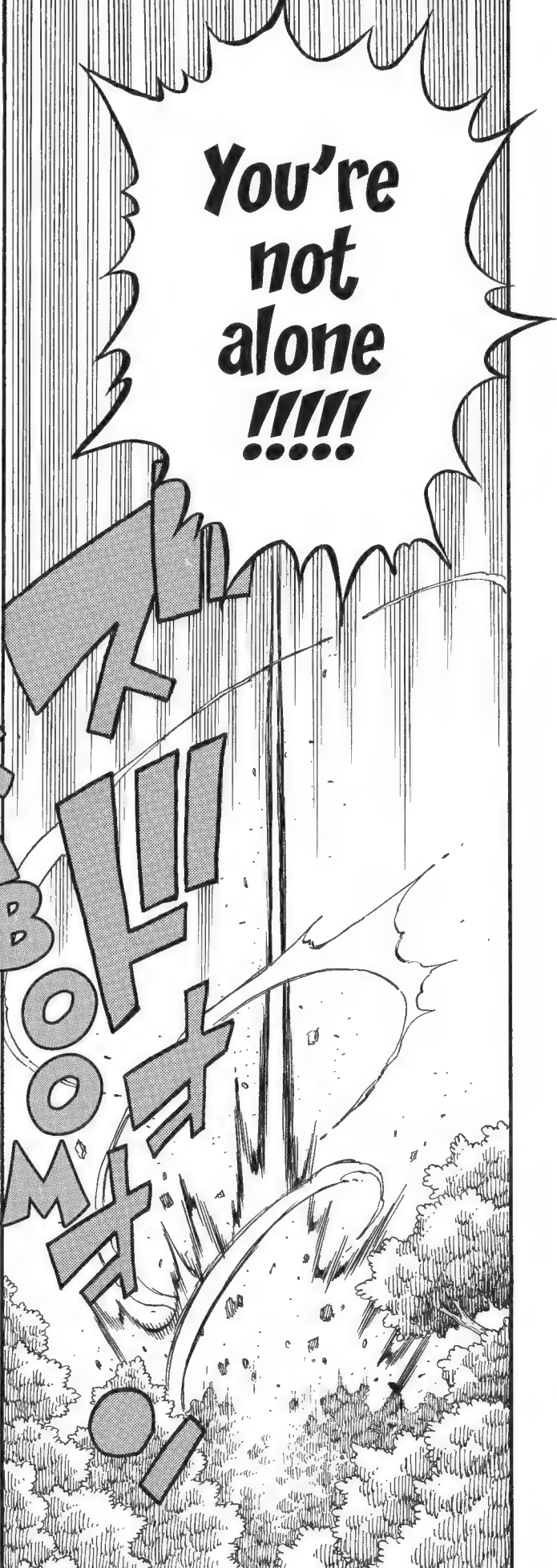
Something
fell.

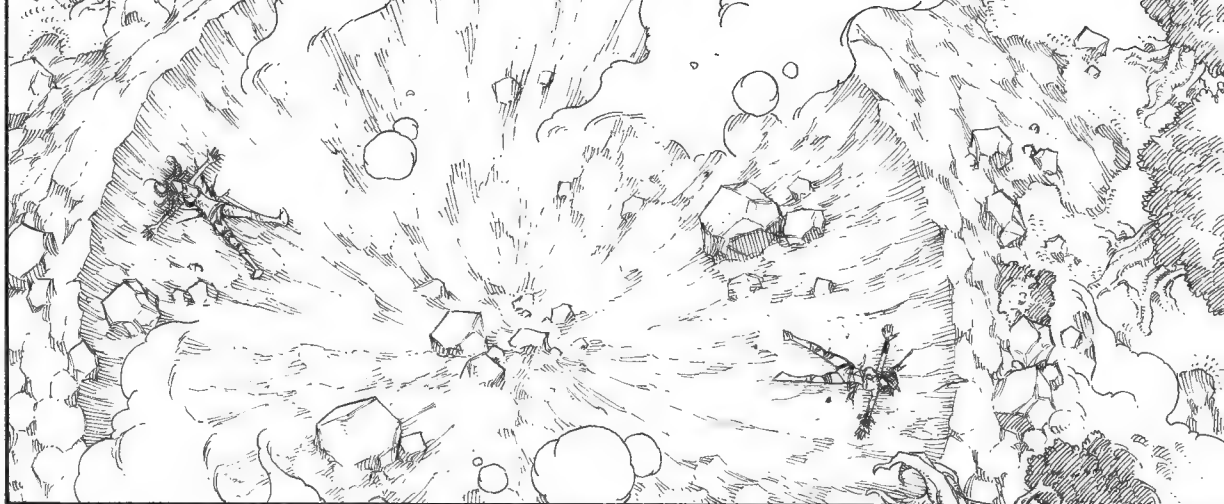
What was
that...?!



**You're
not
alone
!!!!**

**K
A
B
O
O
M
!!
!!
!!**





But...
you're
alive...
right?



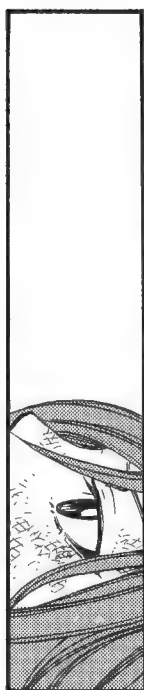
I'm no
match
for
you...

You win,
Scarlet.



...

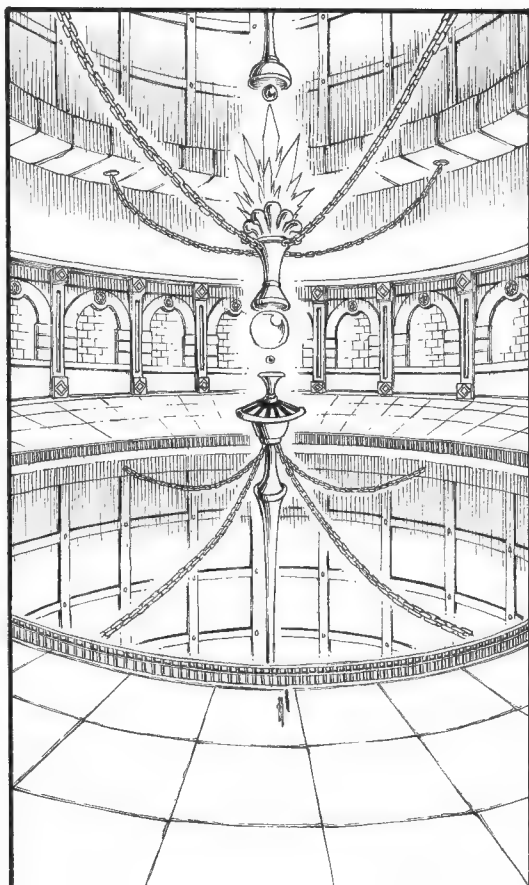
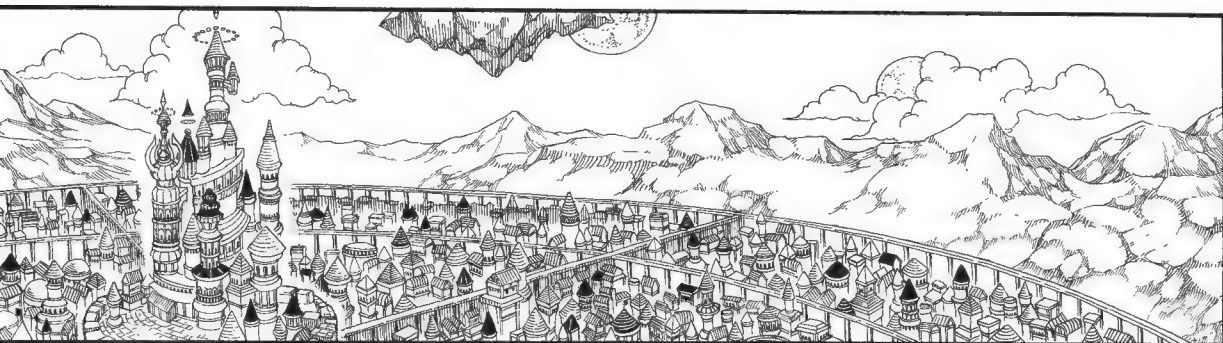
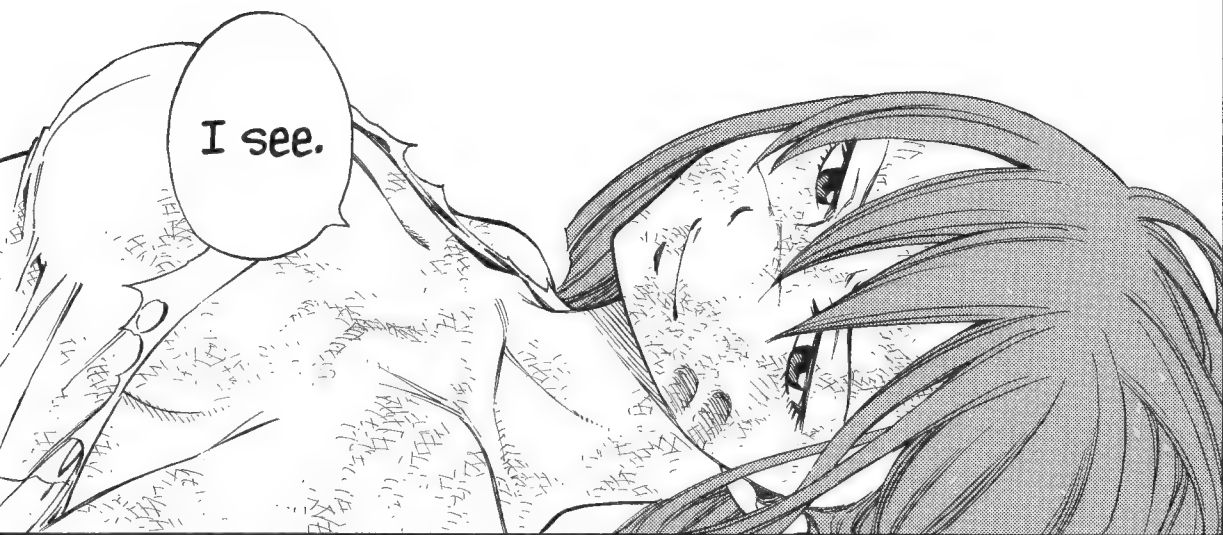
I...don't
even have the
strength...to
move...

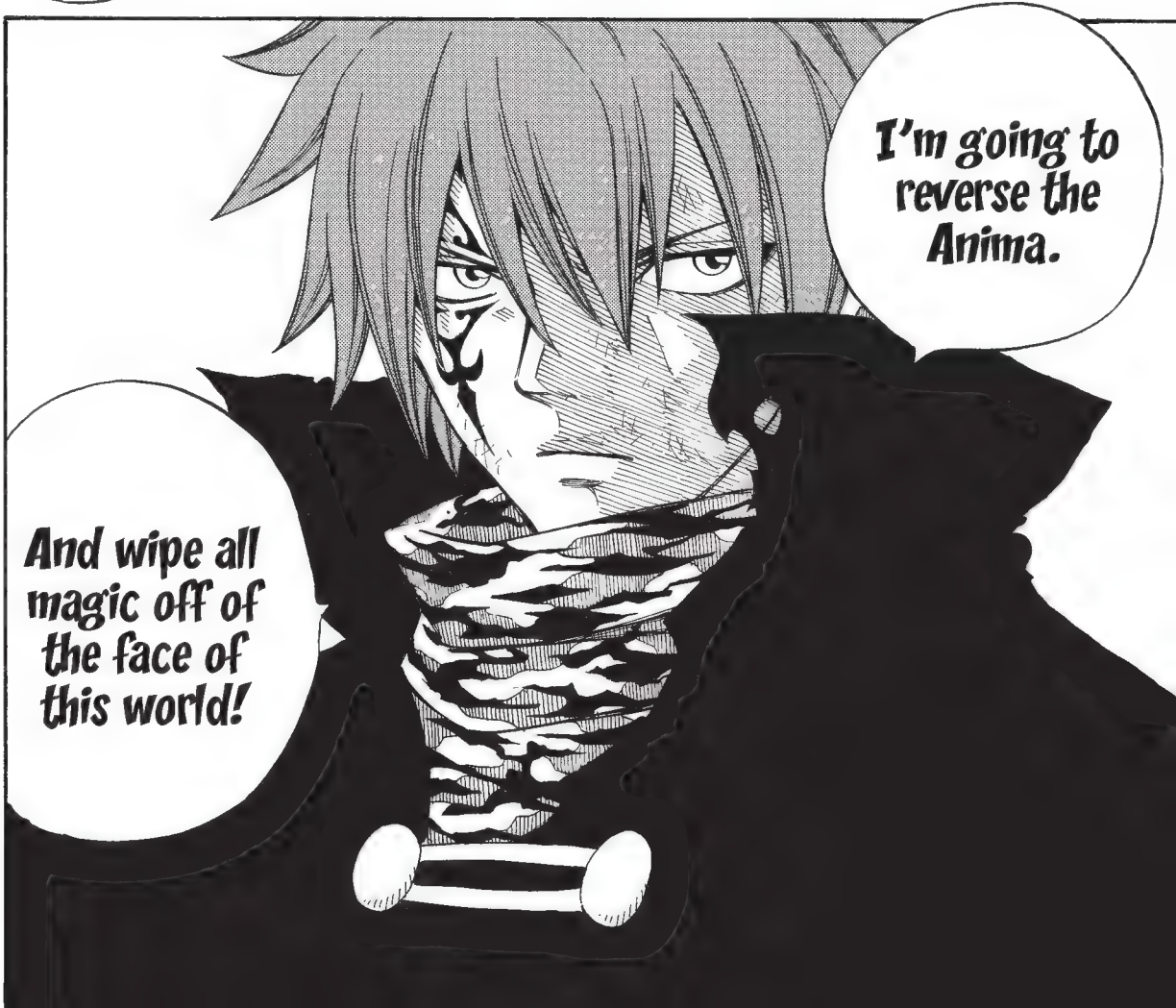
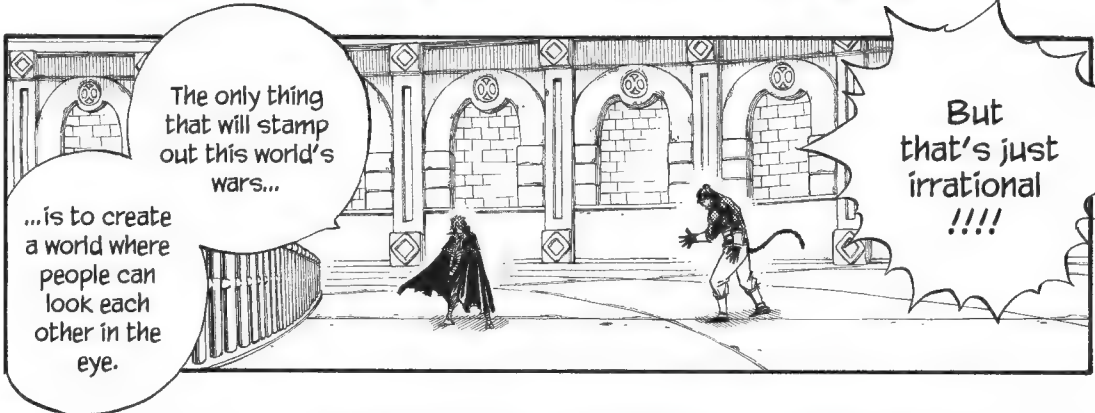


We're
the
same,
Erza.



There's
no winning
or losing
here.





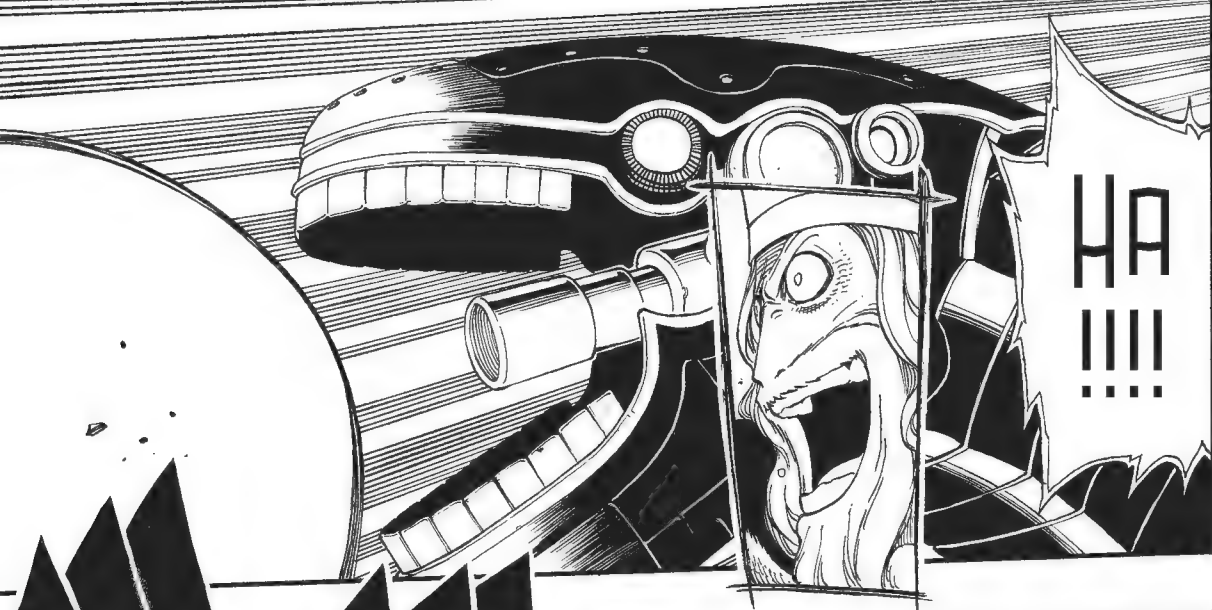


Chapter 194: I'm Standing Right Here





FAIRY TAIL





*Sky Dragon's...

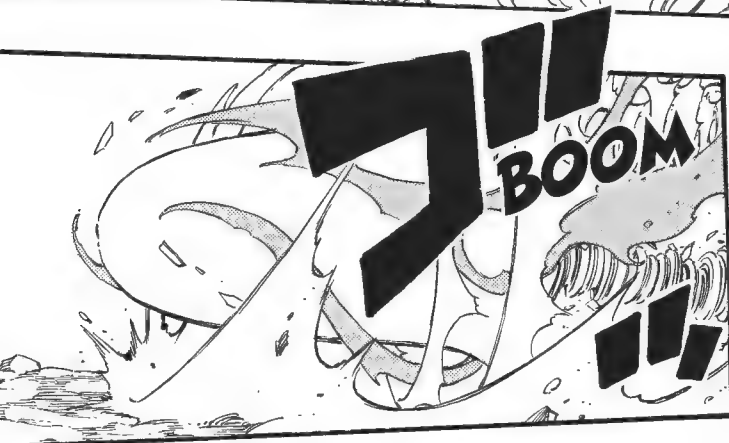
*Iron Dragon's...

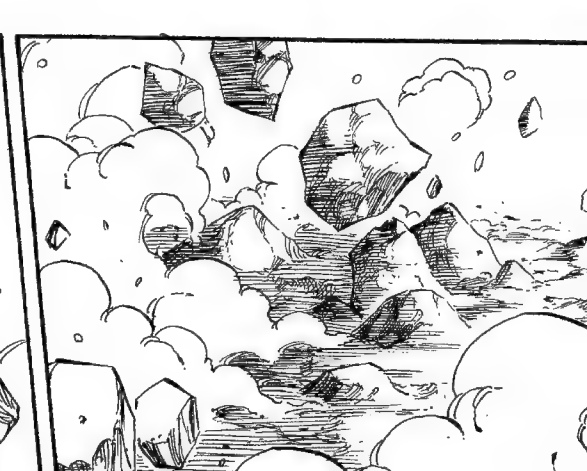
*Fire Dragon's...

...
Hōkō*
!!!!!!

FWOOSH

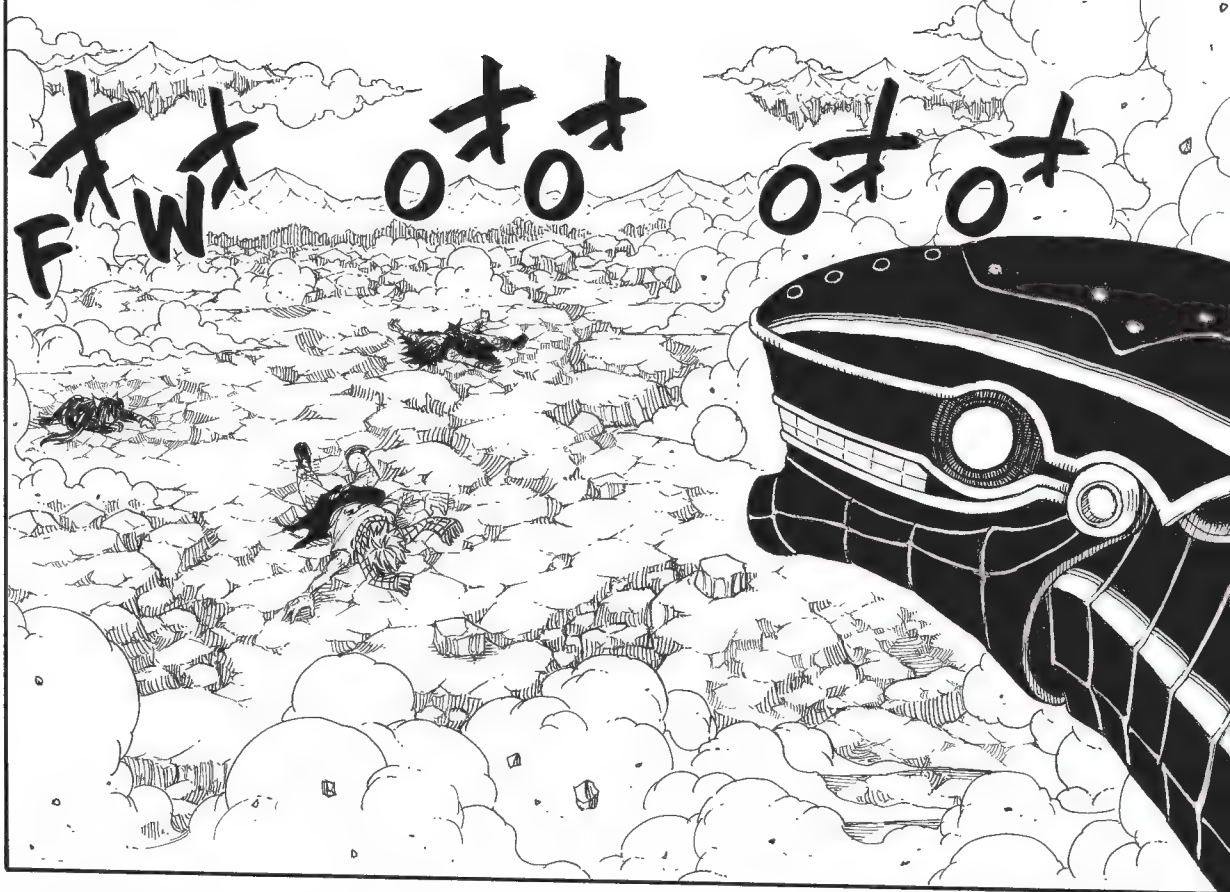
FWOOSH

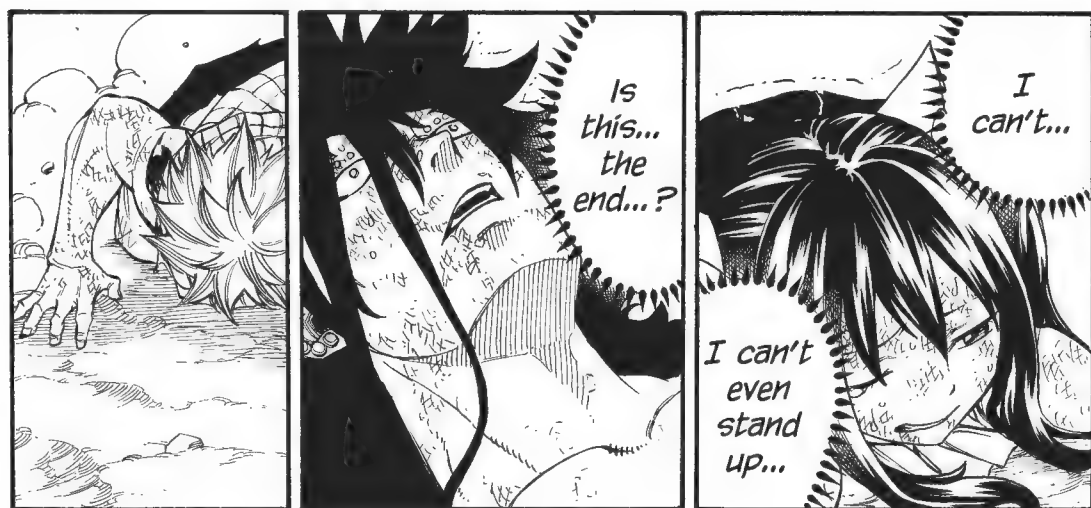
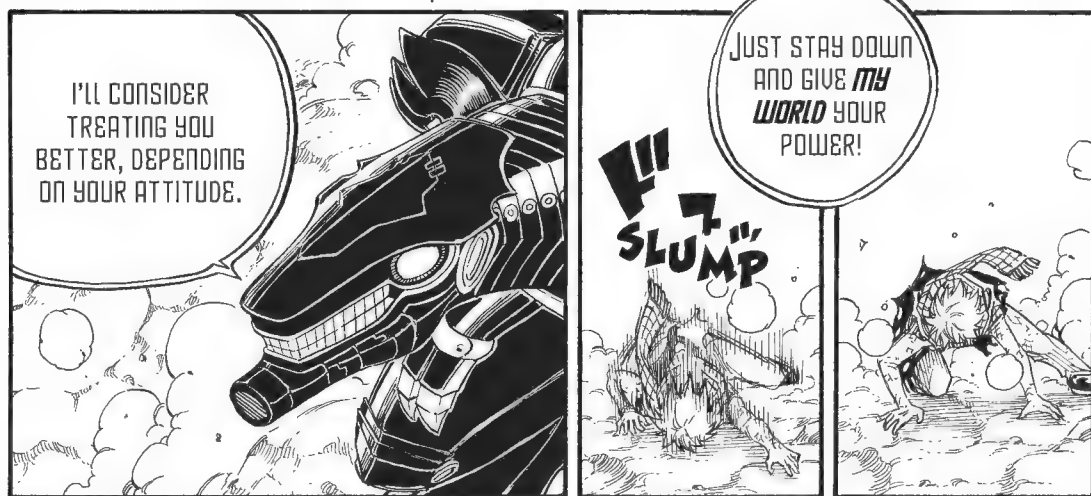
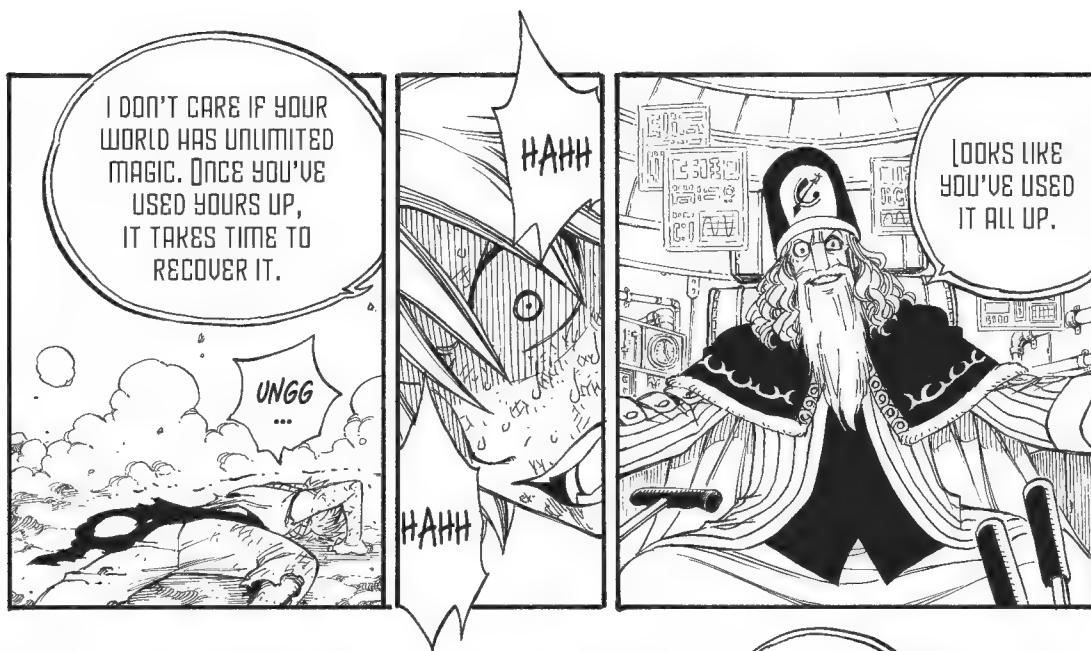






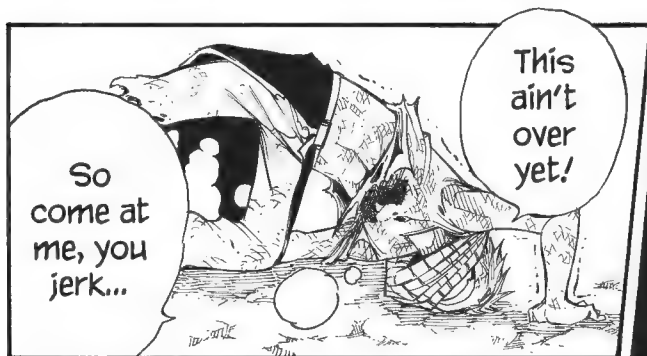








**Don't
give
up!!!**



**So
come at
me, you
jerk...**

**This
ain't
over
yet!**



**I'm
standing
right here
!!!!**



GAHH! HOW
STUBBORN
CAN YOU BE,
BRAT?!!!



So I'll
scrape
up
some
more
!!!!



You
idiot...

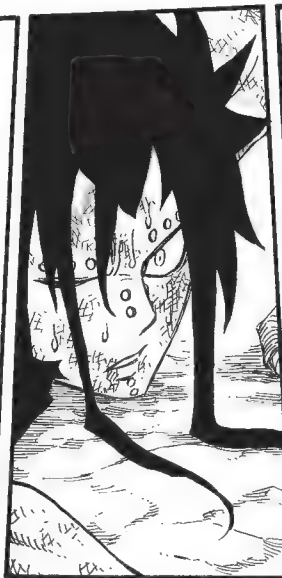
You've
got no
magic
left for
now!

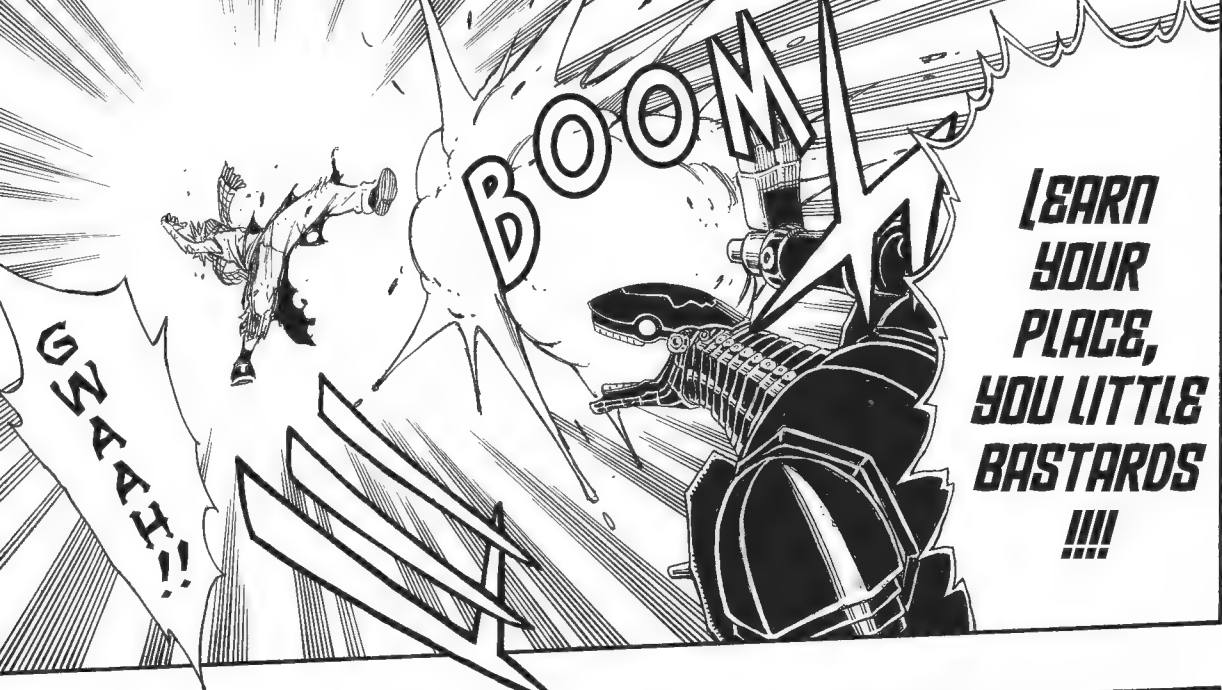


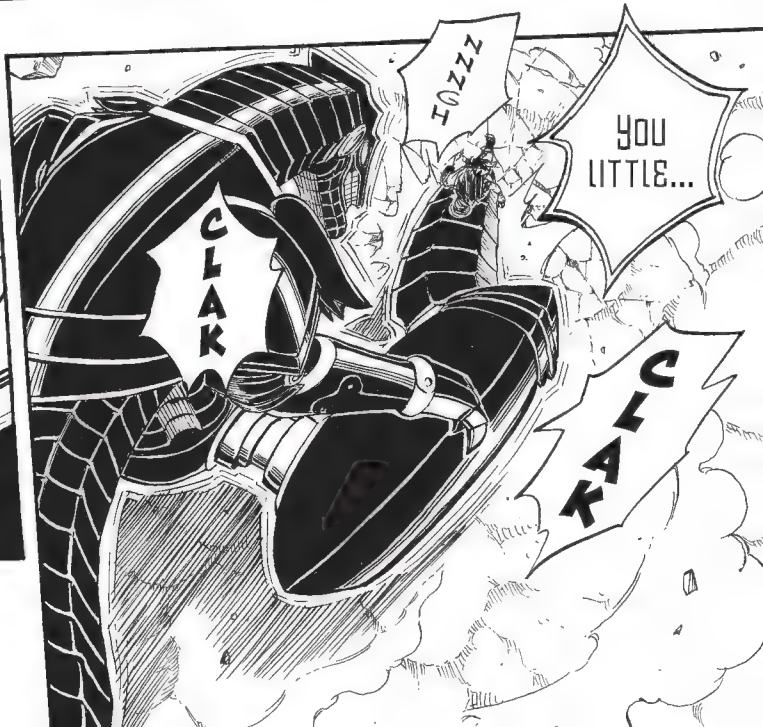
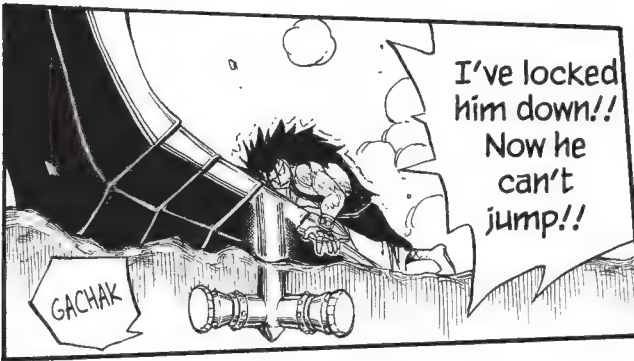
Natsu-
san...



I'll use
the magic
meant for
tomorrow
right
now
!!!!









**So
do it
!!!!**

**You're
the only
one who
can!!!!**



**Wendy
!!!!**



**Stand
up!!!!**

What?

**Roar at
me!!!!**



*I believe
in Natsu-
san!!!!*

Okay!



TENRYŪ-
NO...

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

*Sky Dragon's Roar



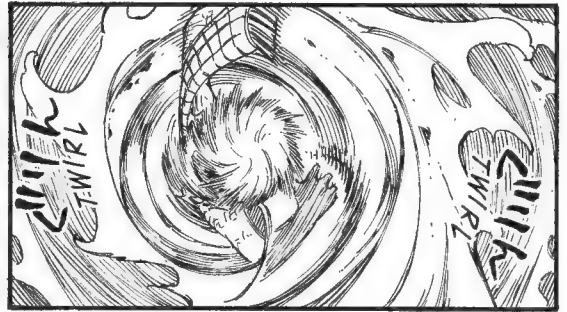
You
think
I'd let
you go,
you
piece of
crap
?!!



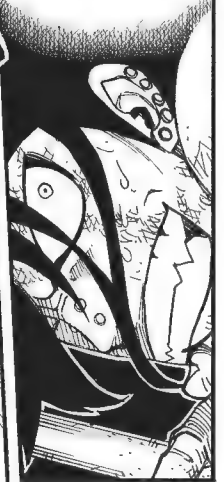
YOU
UPPITY
LITTLE...
LET ME
GO...



...
HŌKŌ*
!!!!!!



Little punk...
He's using
the kid's
breath as a
whirlwind...





**Waaa-
aahhh
!!**

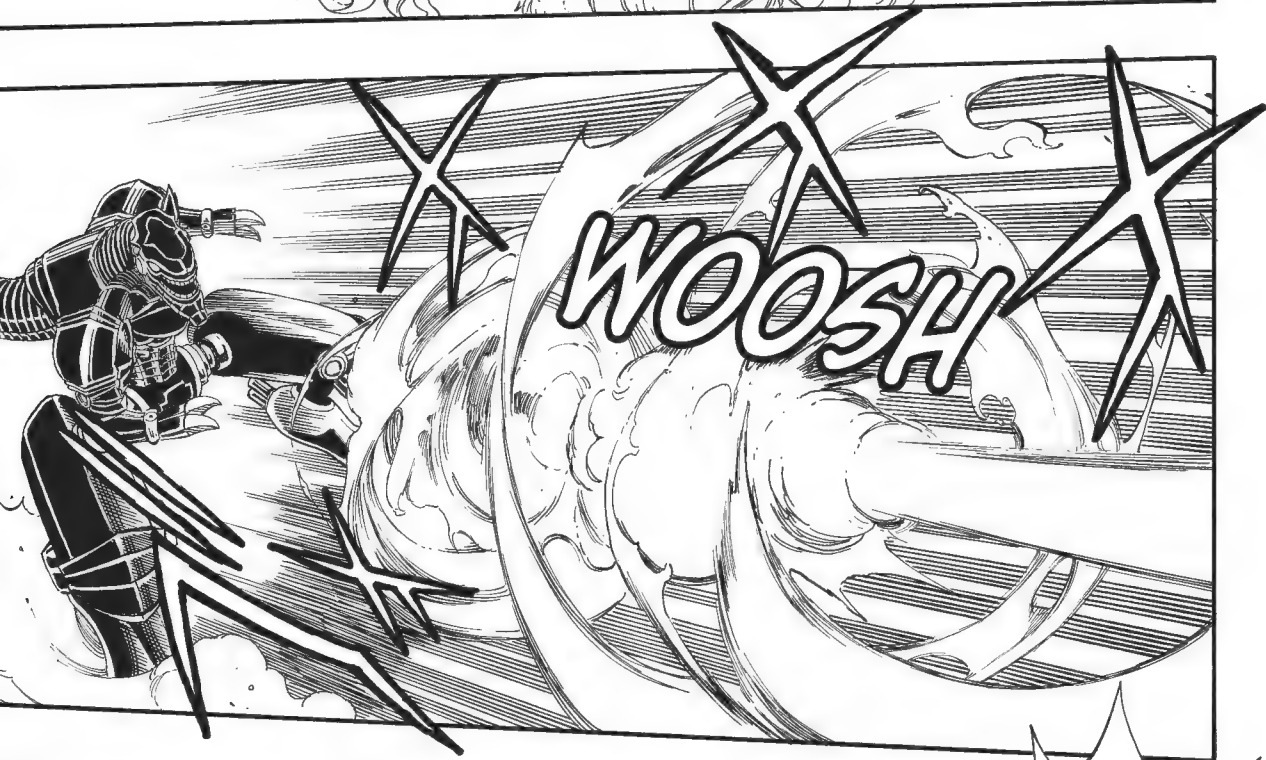
**KARYŪ
NO*...**

**Uwoo-
ohhhh
!!**

*Fire Dragon's...

...some
kind of
dream...?

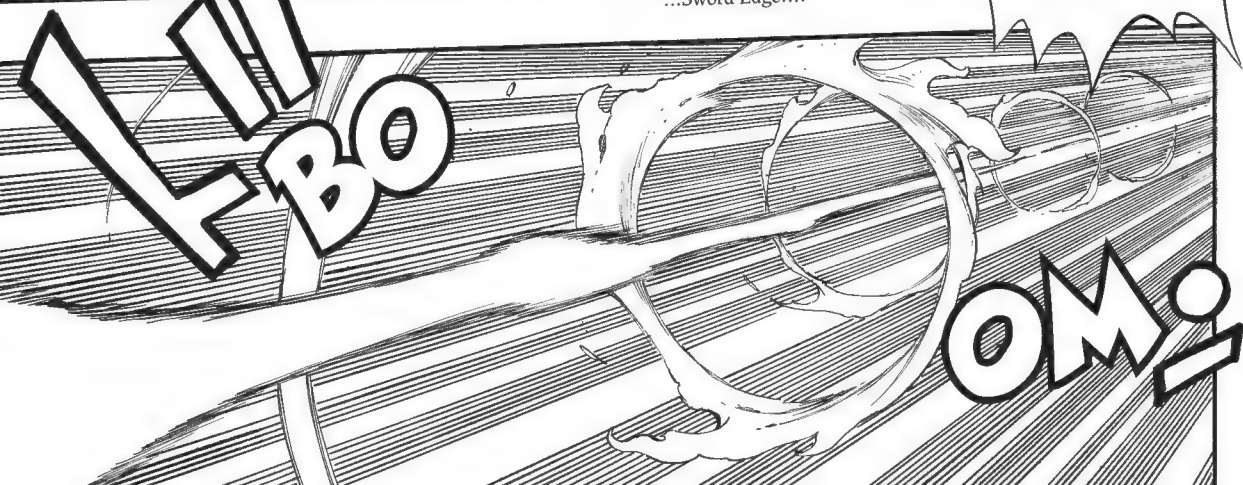
Is this...



...
KENKAKU*
!!!!

*...Sword Edge!!!!

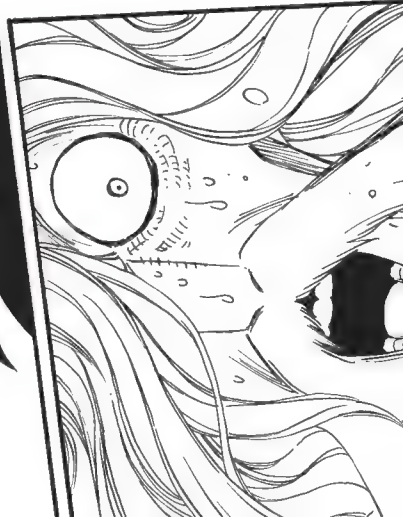
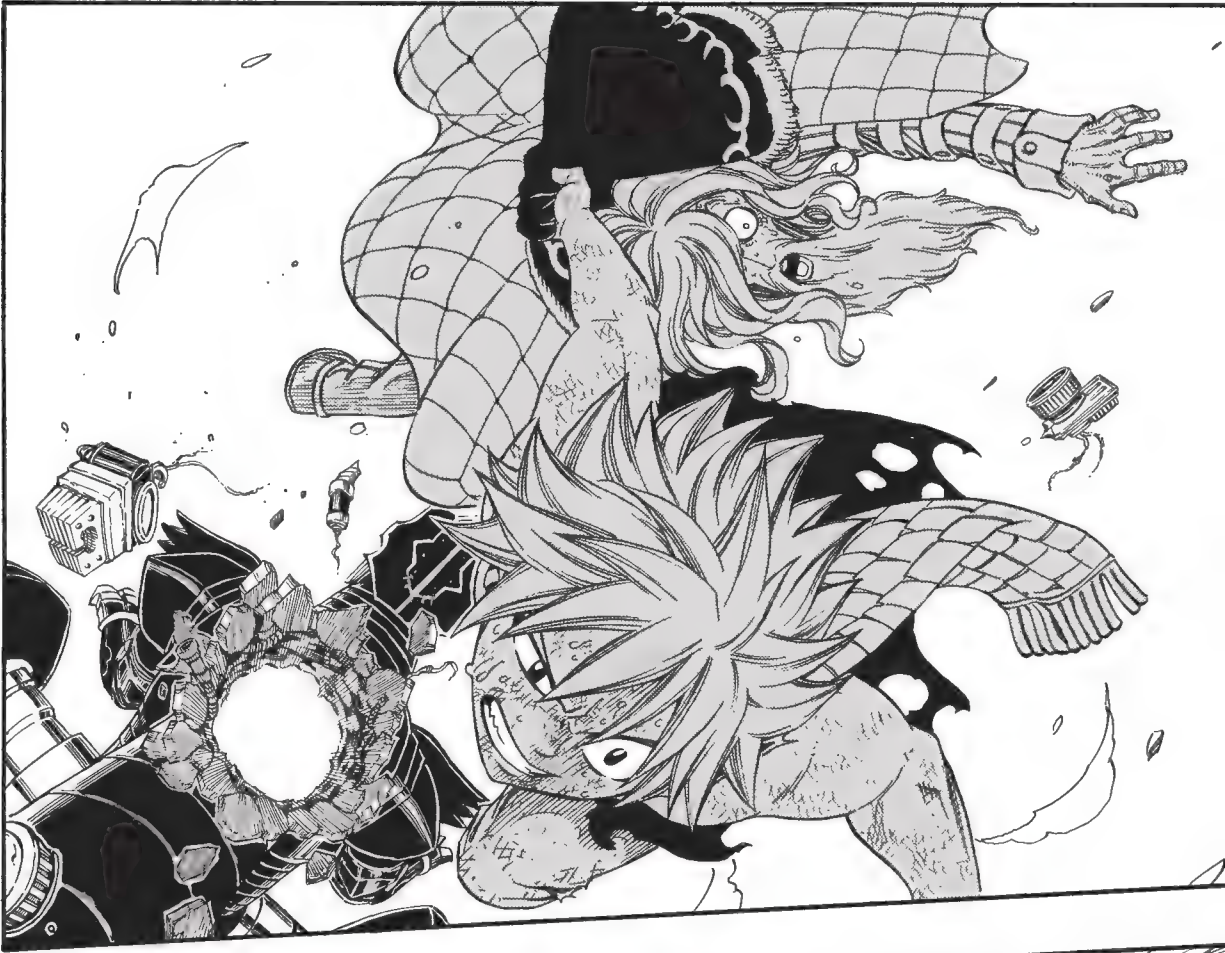
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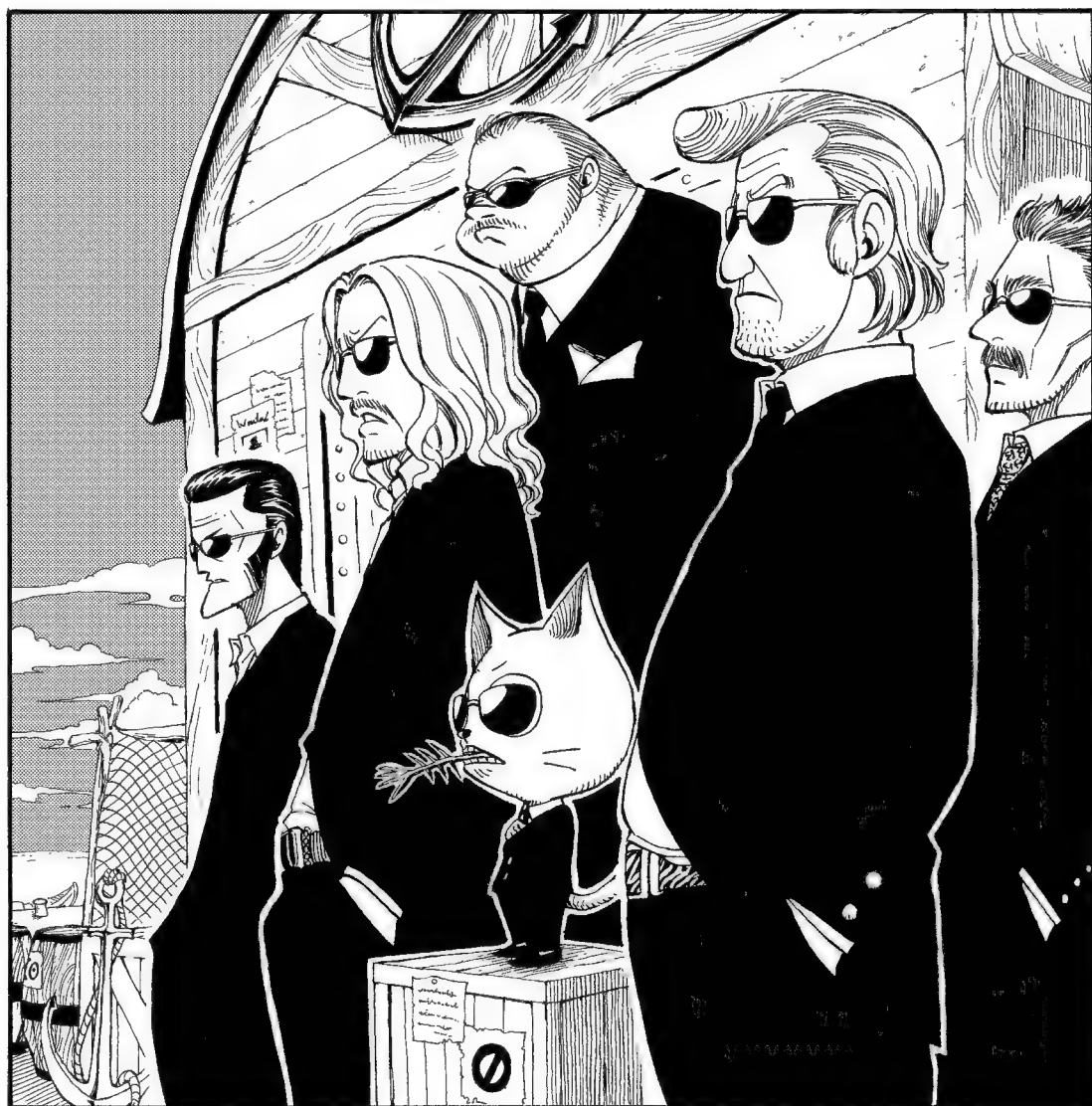
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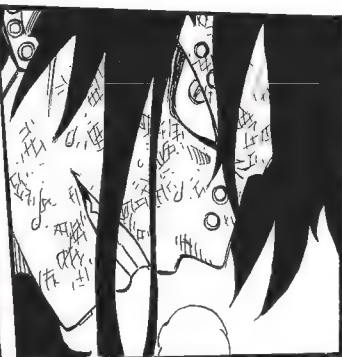
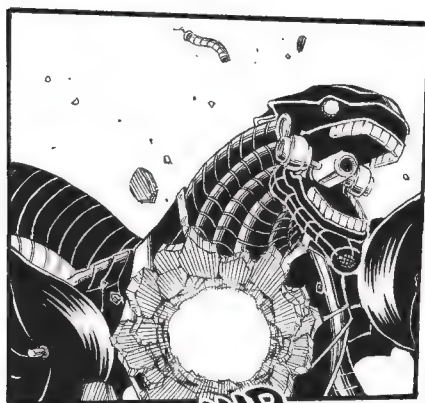


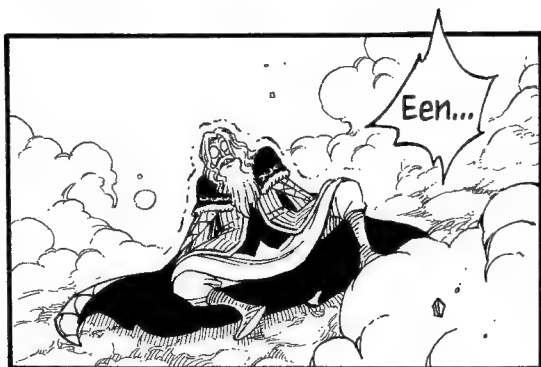
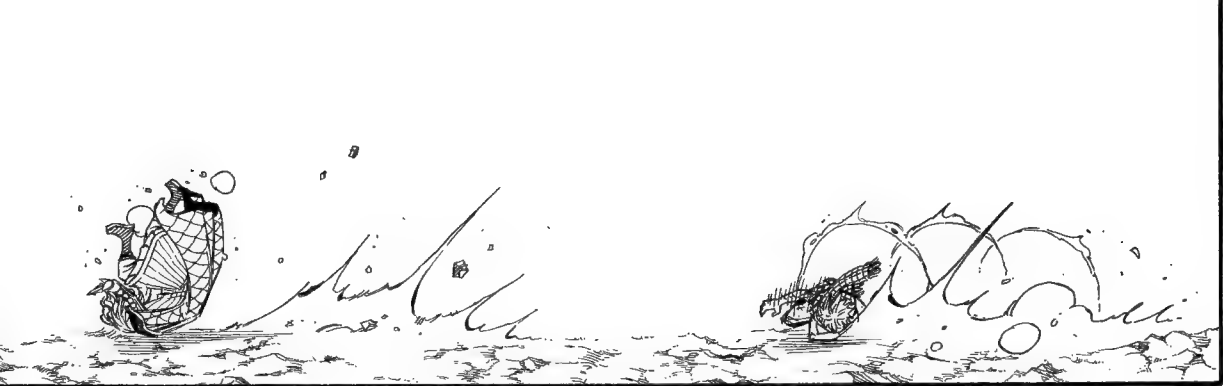
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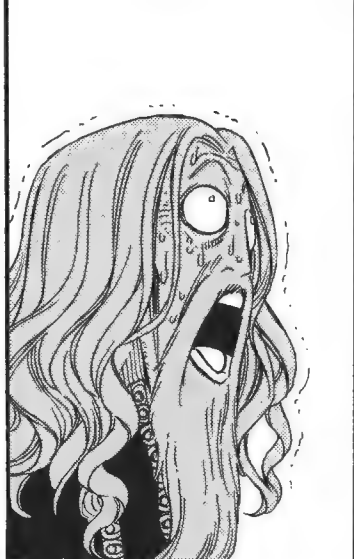
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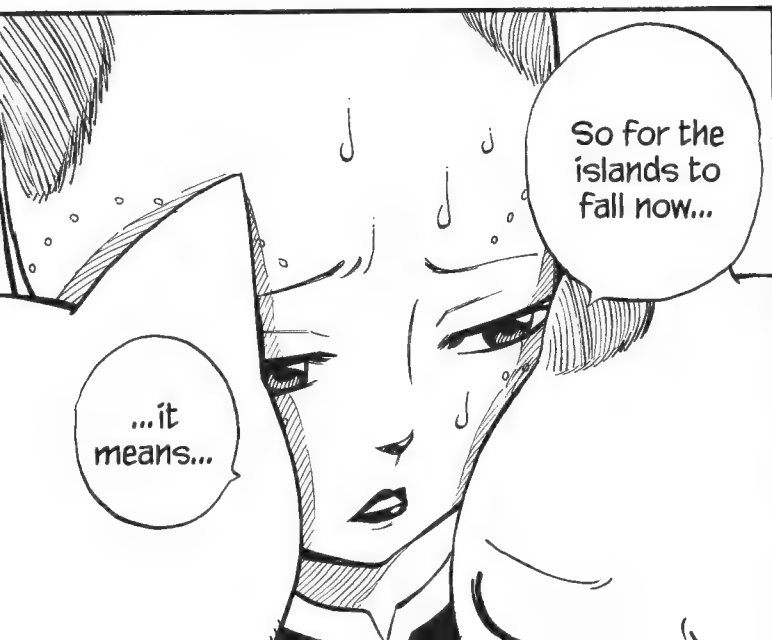
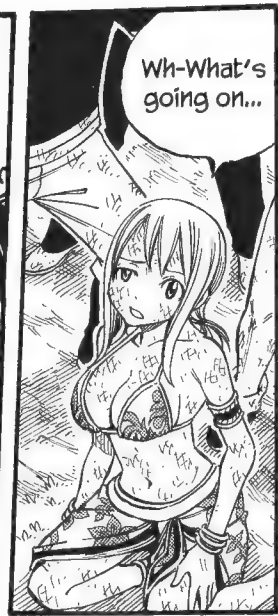
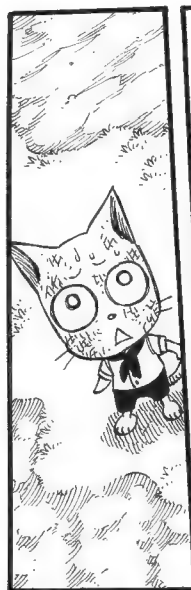
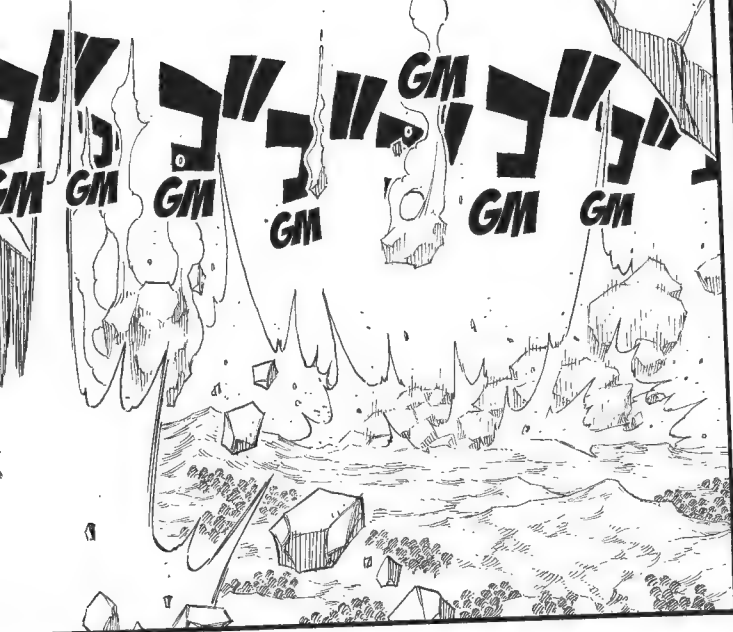














...that
magic is
vanishing
from this
world.

GWOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

GYAN

GYAN

GYAN

GYAN

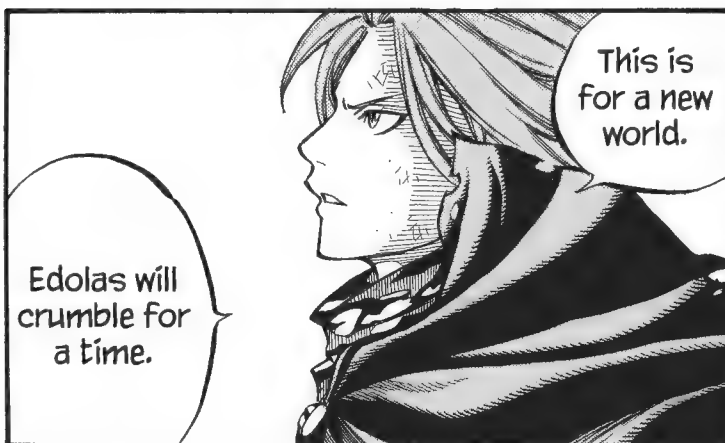
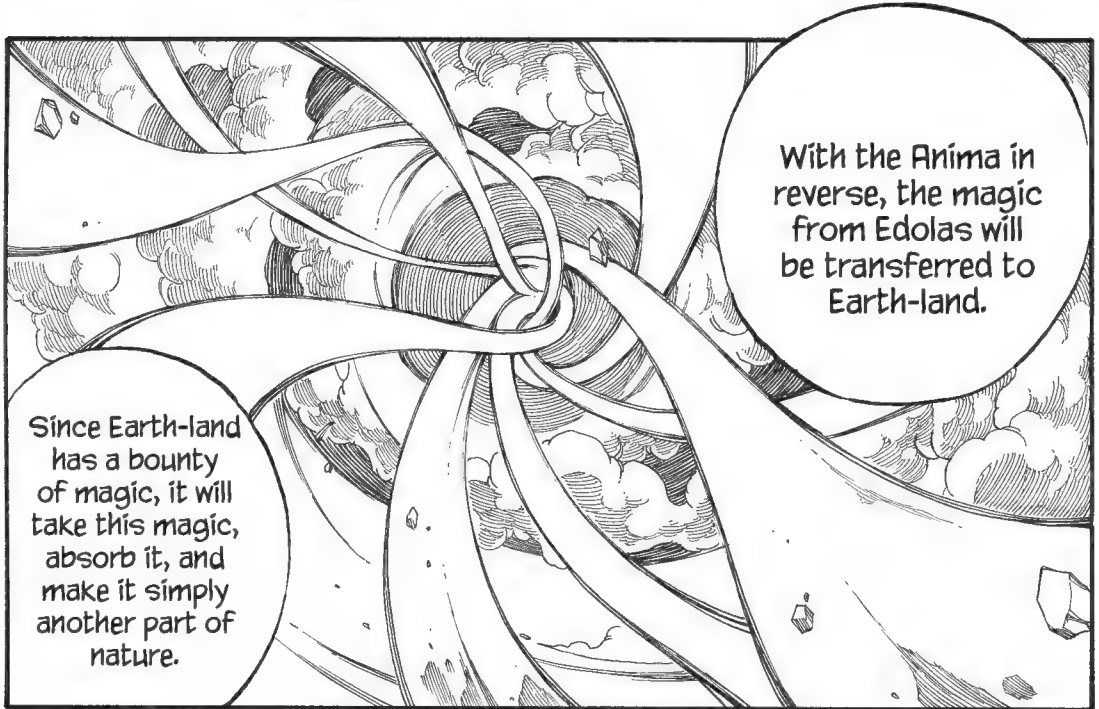
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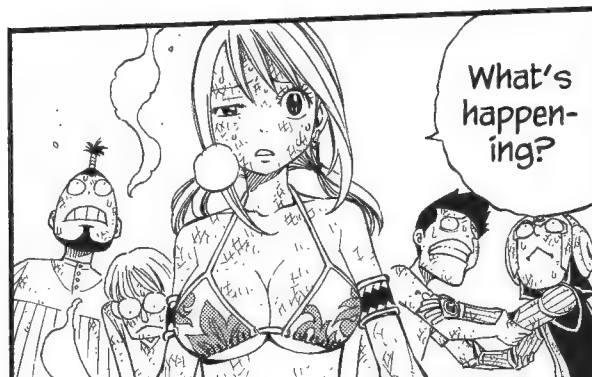
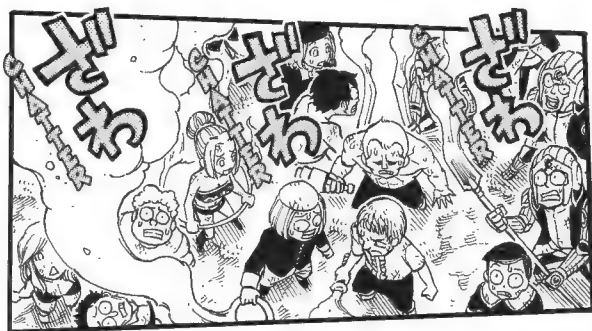
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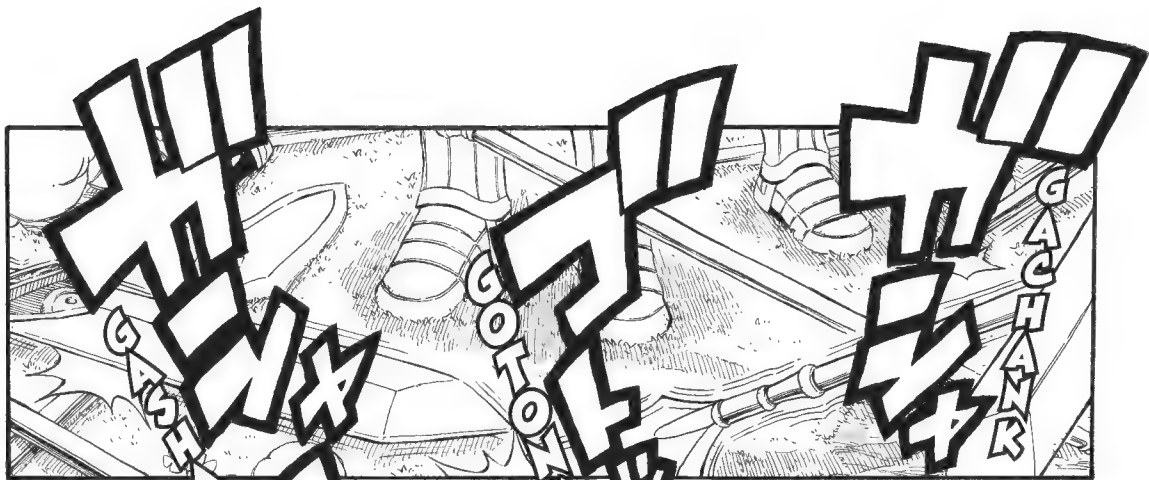
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...running away.

The royal forces are...



If we can't use our weapons, how can we fight?!

R-Retreat everybody ...!!!



Waaa-aaah !!!

What'll we do? What'll we do...



All the magic is vanishing from the world!



Magic is going away...



EEEE!!



Hey, you guys, we did it!!



What's
going to
happen to
our wizards'
guild?!

What do you
mean, okay?!!
The magic is
going out of the
world!!! All
of it!!!!



Everybody!!
Calm down!
It's going to
be okay!!!



Waaaah!!!
The magic is
going away!!!!
The magic is
disappearing...!!!!



The thing we
were most
scared of...
The magic
drying up...



We won the
battle...but
we're losing
the world...



It's
over...



The world's
coming to
an end!!!

Wait,
every-
body
...

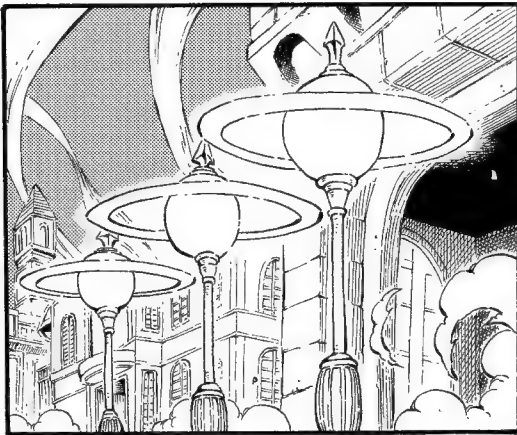
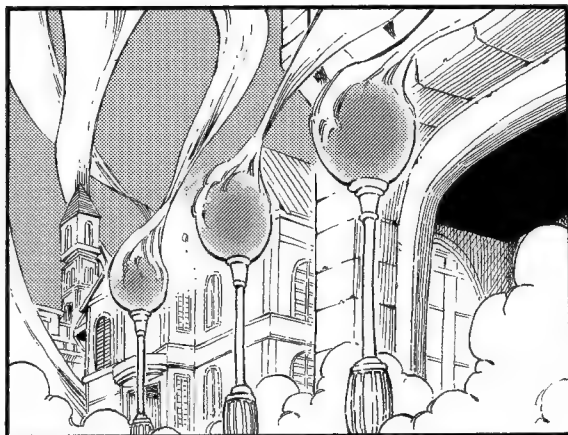
It's all
over for
Edolas!!!!

What are
we going
to do...?!

Heey
...

Game
over!!!

Save
us!!





Kyaaa!

Wahh!

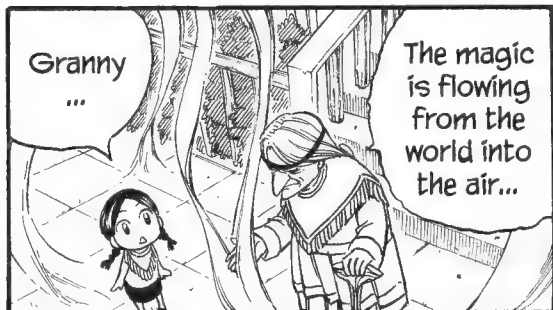


It's...the end!

Daddy, all the floating islands are crashing down.



It's our punishment for defying the Exceed.



Granny ...

The magic is flowing from the world into the air...



I hate this!

The vehicles don't move!!
And the wind lacrima aren't moving either!!!

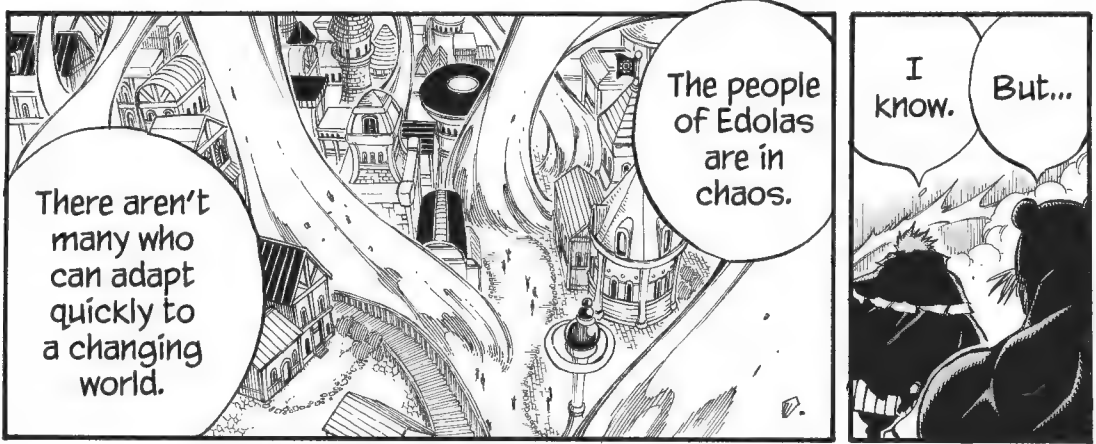
What happened to the water lacrima...? The fountain shut off!

What's happening?!

All the streetlamp lacrima just went out at the same time!

My fire lacrima suddenly broke!!! Now I can't do my cooking!!!







I don't have the right.

It can't be me. I haven't traveled the same road as this world.



No... Not me.



I get it. So you're...



A villain and a hero?

The people need a villain and a hero to bring them together.

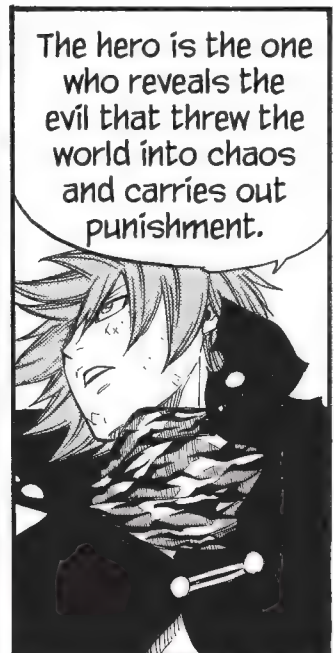


I think you already know.

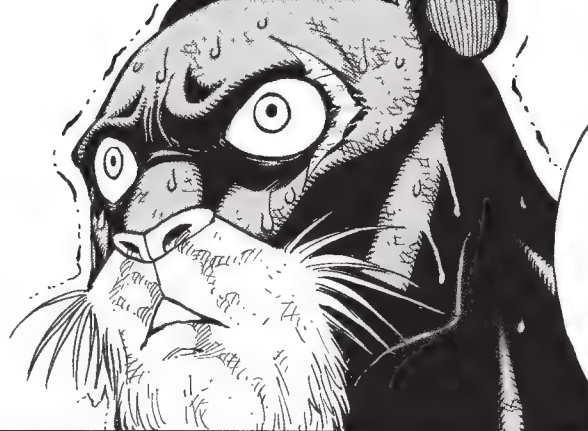
And who are the villain and hero supposed to be?



Then that hero brings the people together as one...and takes the throne!




The hero is the one who reveals the evil that threw the world into chaos and carries out punishment.



While the hero
is one who can
resolve the
people's mistakes
and prejudices
and lead them
towards peace.
You.

The villain is the
one who raised the
standard of revolt
against the king
and stole the magic
from the world...



**You must
punish
me for
destroying
the world**

...

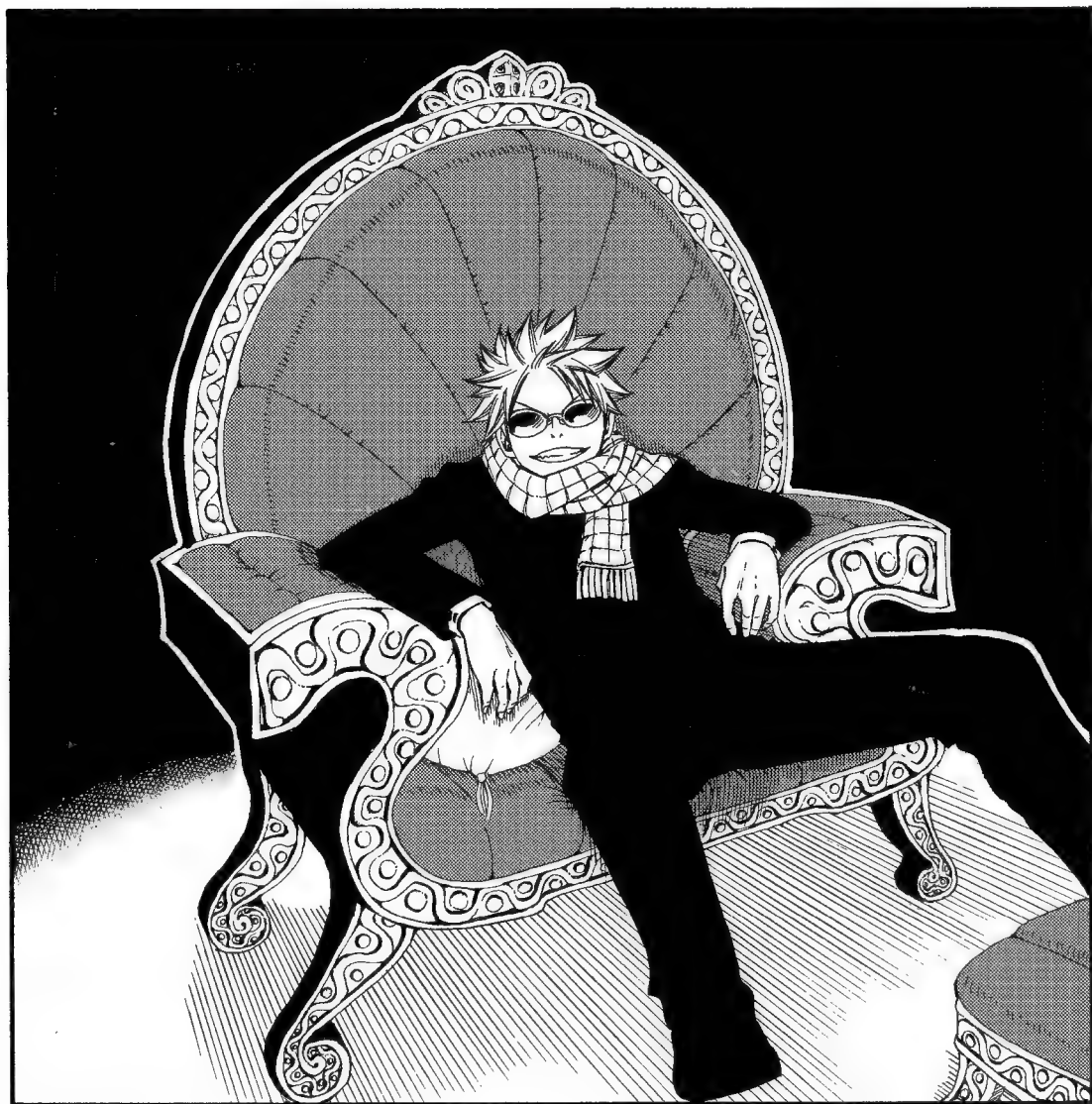
**...and
take your
place as
King.**

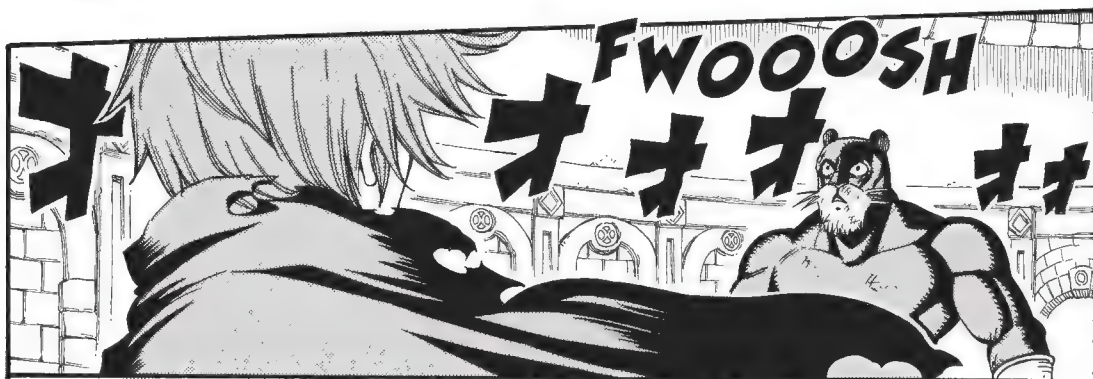
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Chapter 196: Demon God Dragneel



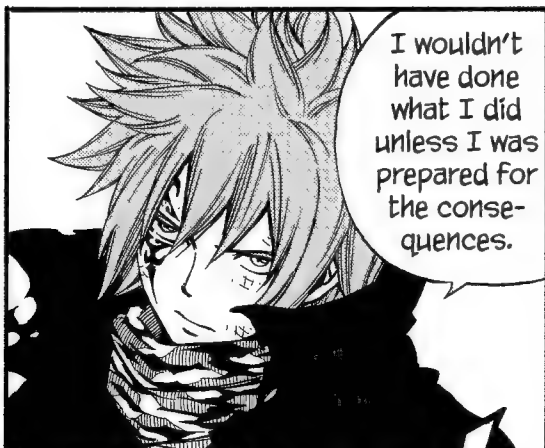






I refuse.
It's utter
idiotcy!!!
Why should
I punish
you?!

There's
no way I
could!!!



I wouldn't
have done
what I did
unless I was
prepared for
the conse-
quences.



What makes
you think you
know me at
all?!

You can
do it!



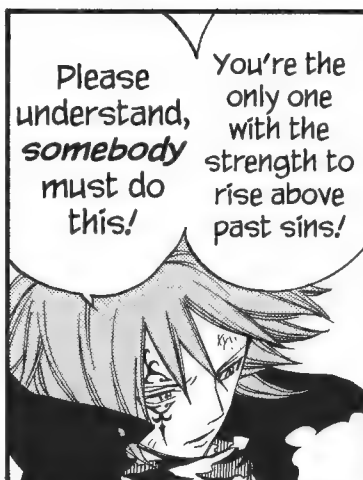
So I'm going to
have to pick up
the cross and
bear it? Is that
what you're
saying?!

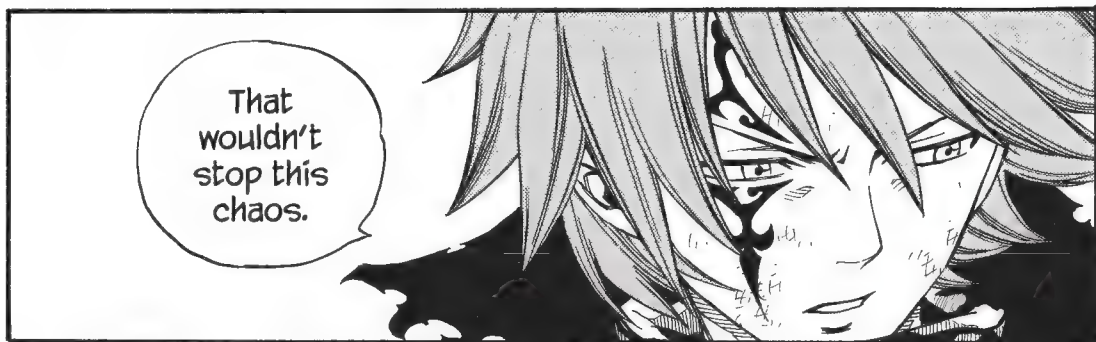
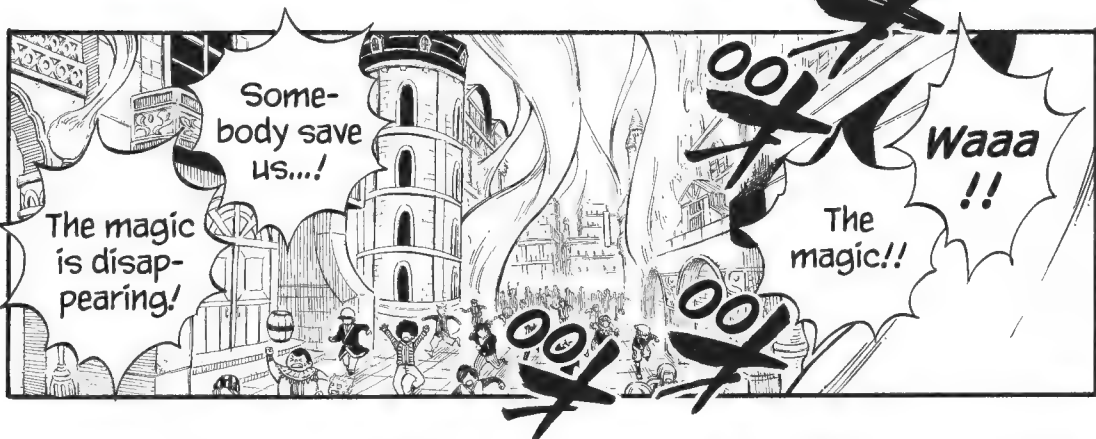
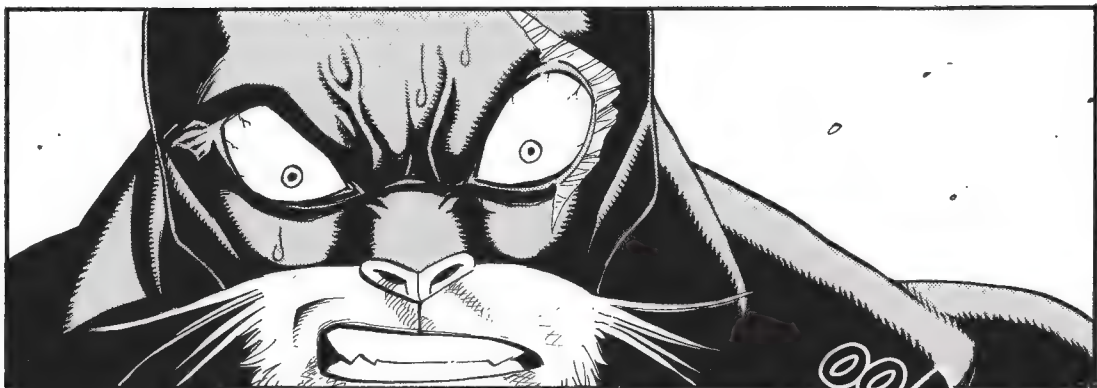
You are
an Exceed,
and you
still saved
me as a
child.

You recognize
life's inherent
nobility without
being swayed
by race.



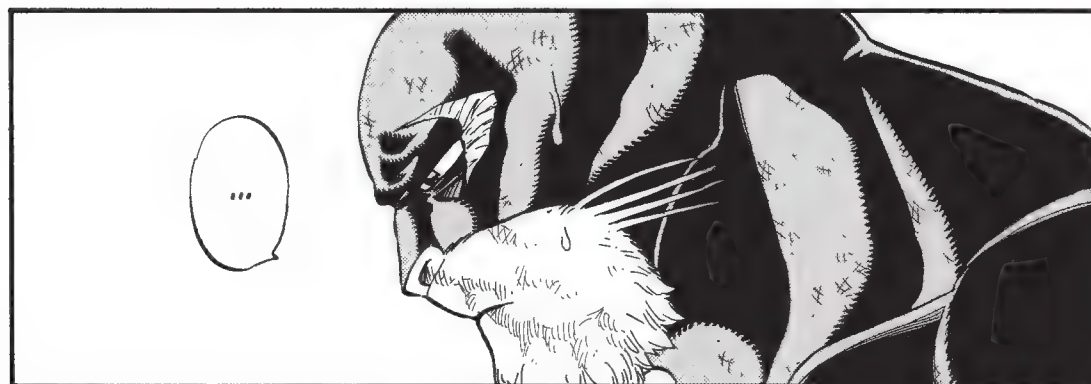
Then do it yourself!!!!
You're the rightful king!!!!



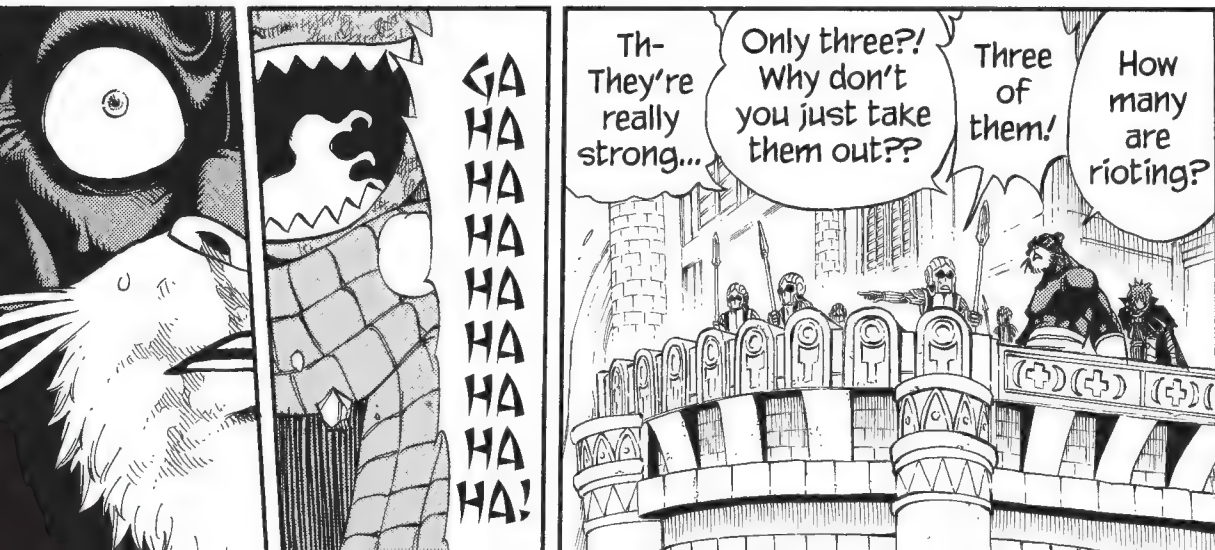












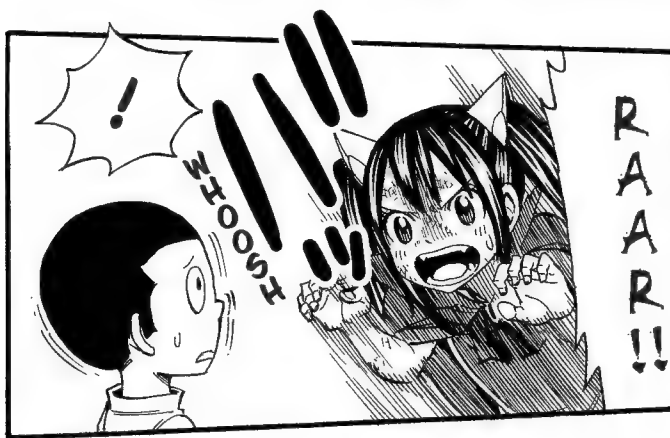
WGA HA HA HA HA

**My
name
is the
Demon
God
Dragneel
!!!!**

**I will
claim all
of the
magic
in this
world
!!!!**



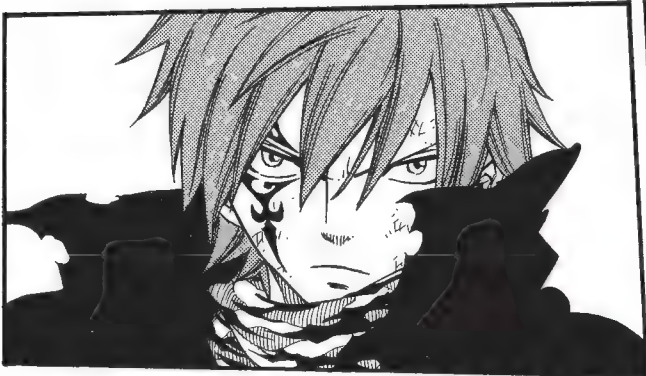








Stop
this
!!!!
Natsu
!!!!



In the
castle!

Over
there!

Who was
that just
now?!

Who can
it be?



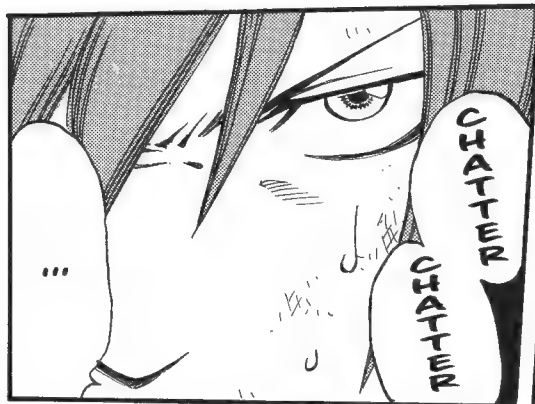
Stop
that!!!

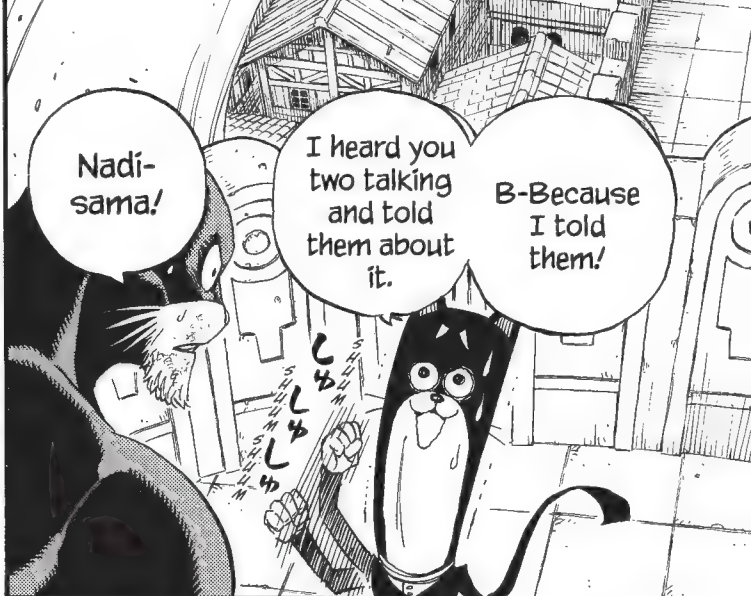


Quit all this
stupidity... The
King is defeated!
There's no reason
to attack the
kingdom anymore
...



I am the high
and mighty
Demon God
Dragneel!





Nadi-
sama!

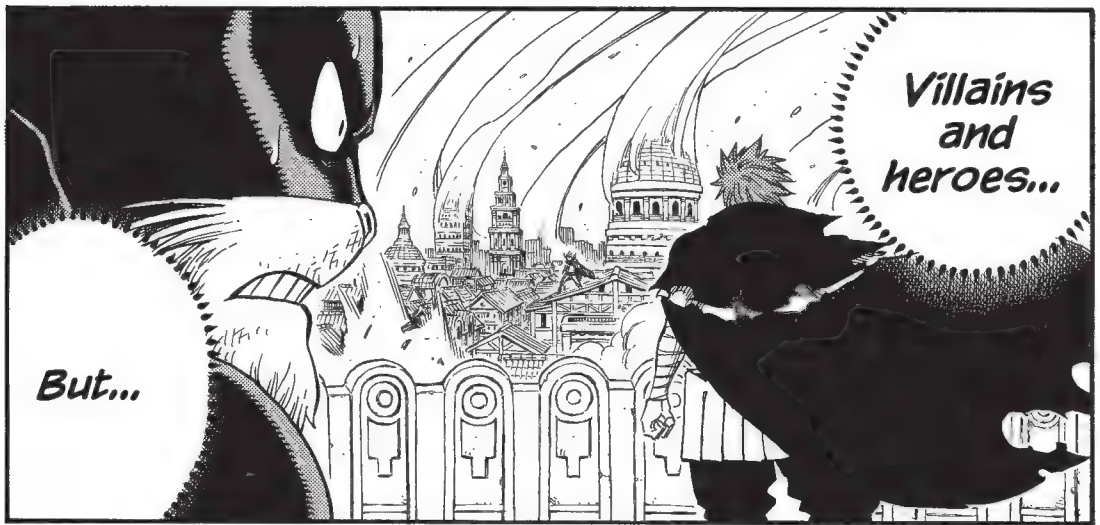
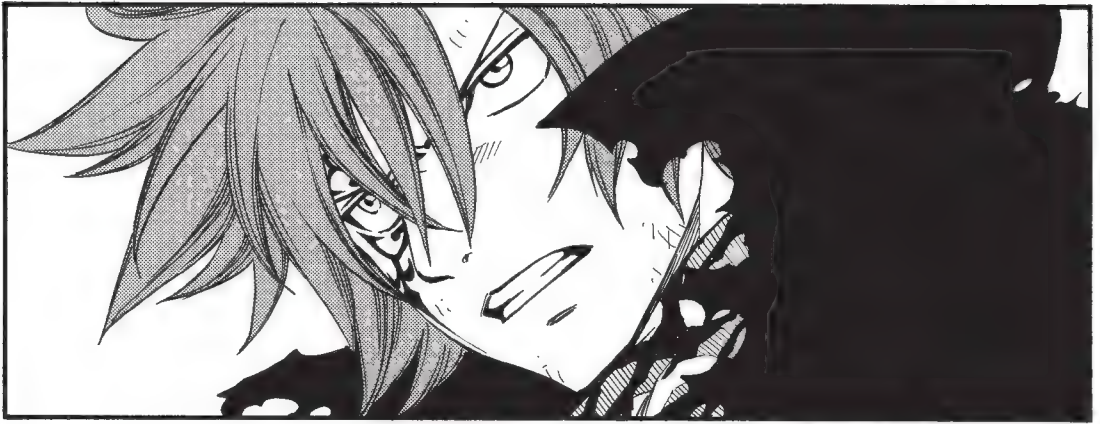
I heard you
two talking
and told
them about
it.

B-Because
I told
them!



Come
and get
me!

'Cause if
you don't,
I'm going
to level this
town until
there's
nothing
left!





I'm the
Demon
God
Dragneel!

I'm not
Natsu!



Natsu!!
Don't
move
from that
spot!!!

WHOOSH



Y-You
had better
prepare
yourself
for it too.



Nobody's
going to
commit
suicide here,
are they...?



The minute
they realize
the fight is
faked...

...that'll
create
damage
nobody
can fix...

Maybe they're
putting on
this farce
to make the
prince look
like a hero,
but...



...you
will not
believe!!

Because
what we've
come up with
next...

TO BE CONTINUED



EXTRA

Queen Chagot



The queen of Extalia, the country of the Exceed. She can see future events.

Mejeer



One of the Four Elders of Extalia. He's worried about his aging eyes, but it's his policy to never wear glasses.

Martam



One of the Four Elders of Extalia. He's taken care of Chagot ever since she was a baby.

Nichiya



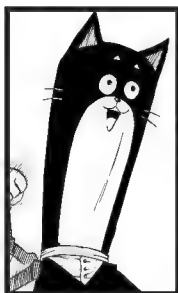
Commander of the Imperial Guard of Extalia. A warrior who loves beautiful scents (perfumes). He leads the hundred-cat-plus Royal Guard.

Mysdroy



One of the Four Elders of Extalia. He was present when Chagot hatched from her egg, and one of her wings was gone.

Nadi



The Kingdom of Extalia's Minister of State. He's the one charged with helping to run the Kingdom. For some reason, he's always shaking his arm.

Muganto



One of the Four Elders of Extalia. He's the only one who knows that the queen's egg was extremely weak, so the queen gave one of her wings to the egg.

Panther Lily



Commander of the First Magical Warfare Division. Due to his breaking an old Exceed tradition, he was banished from his mother country. A very loyal warrior.

Lucky



Happy's father, but that's a secret. His favorite things are fish and apples. He's fallen into the habit of saying, "Aye," and, "Kaaaah!"

Clap



A young male who loves to fly. His special ability is to be able to sleep while using Aera. He's only ever fallen to the ground once.

Marl



Happy's mother, but that's a secret. A wife who is always smiling and kind. Taught the "shape of a heart" to Carla.

Salvare



He's spent so much time in southern Edolas that he now has a thick southern accent. He's a skilled hunter.

Belletokia



A girl who loves pineapples. She wants to grow up to be a scholar. She considers her striped tail to be one of her most charming features.

Kurubushi



A young Exceed who wants to be a comedian. He often goes down to the ground to gather ideas for his comedy act. For some reason, he always seems to meet up with huge caterpillars.

Monmo



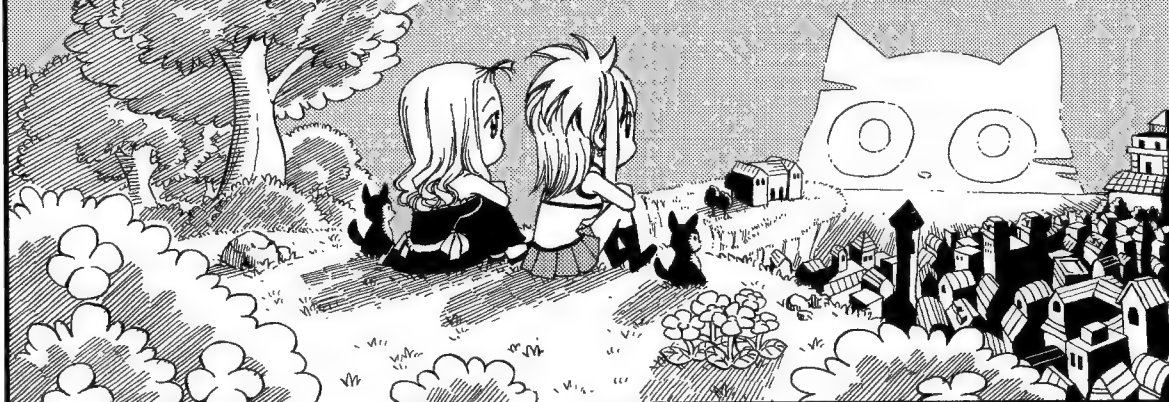
The leader of the children's detective squad. His hobby is collecting unique sticks. He's weak but fast.

Go-Go-Tiger



A slow-moving delivery cat. Kurubushi is always talking to him, but he never listens. He loves tomatoes and cucumbers.

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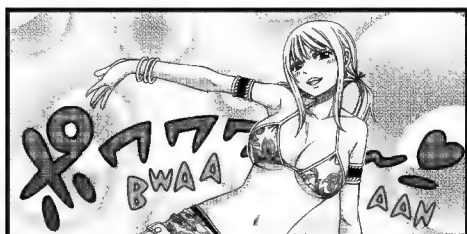
On Magnolia Hill...

Lucy: Mira-san, the setting sun is pretty, huh?

Mira: What's wrong? Why are you so sentimental all of a sudden?

Lucy: It's nothing, really. You know... We just got this question.

Why don't Lucy's Sex-Appeal Missions ever work?



Lucy: Oh, dear.

Lucy: You mean it's never worked even once...?

Mira: Hm...
Seduce Count Everlue→Fail
Get Into Weekly Sorcerer→Fail
Miss Fairy Tail Contest→Fail
Last Volume Against Hughes→Fail

Lucy: You're right. Not once!!!

Mira: But remember that this reader

asked why it failed. In other words, he's saying, "It would have worked on me," right?

Lucy: Your sympathy is almost as bad as the question, so let's move on to the next one.

Doesn't anybody in the guild have parents?



Mira: What a good question!

Lucy: It doesn't really come up in the story a lot, huh?

Mira: This is foreshadowing to something in the backstory, so I really can't say much about it...

Lucy: Are you sure you're even supposed to say that much?

Lucy: Then I'll just say what I can... First Elfman and I lost our mother when we were little, and that was the impetus that made us enter the guild.

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Lucy: And as you read in previous volumes, my father is now in the Akarifa Trade Guild.

Mira: Natsu, Gray, Erza, Gajeel and Wendy have no parents, right?

Lucy: Levy-chan and Juvia both said they don't have any parents.

Mira: So there are unexpectedly a lot of BEEEEEP in the BEEEEEP

Lucy: Mira-san!! Somebody just beeped out your words!

Lucy: Oh, dear.

Lucy: Not only that, but I hear that you don't even know about this backstory thing, Mira-san!

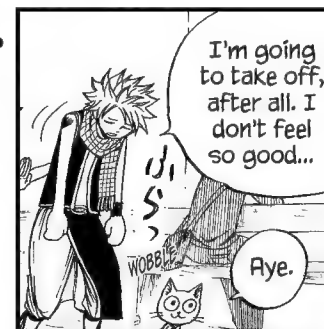
Mira: Is that so? Then I guess we'll just have to leave it at that.

Lucy: But looking at it like this, there sure are a lot of people without parents, huh...?

Lucy: But the guild is like our family, right?

Lucy: (I guess I should be happy that one of my parents is still alive.)

So where exactly do Natsu and Happy live?



Lucy: I'm very curious about that too!!

Mira: They have a place of their own on the outskirts of Magnolia.

Lucy: What kind of place is it?

Mira: A very normal place. It will show up in Volume 24, so enjoy the anticipation! ♥

Lucy: Heh heh heh! Once I know where it is, I'm going to sneak in!!

Mira: Sneak in? Whatever for?

Lucy: To show them what it feels like when they do it to me!! I'm going to make him scream, "This is my room!!!"

Mira: A woman of puny ambitions.

Lucy: Huh? It's to surprise them!! Every time I go home, somebody is always there! That's gotta end!

Lucy: Then I'll help you out!

Lucy: Really? Mira-san!

Mira: Sure! It'll be really fun! ♥ Natsu and Happy will come back from a job, and Lucy will be there waiting saying, "Wel·come·home·honey! ♥"

Lucy: ...

Mira: Then Lucy will say, "Do you want dinner first, or a bath first, or maybe, ME first? ♥"

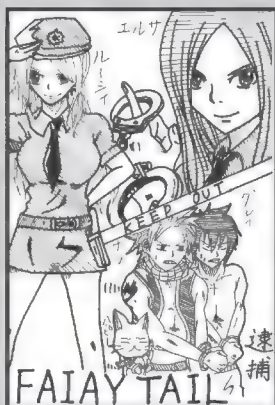
Lucy: Maybe we should just watch the sunset in silence, Mira-san.

Mira: Maybe you're right.

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▼ Yeah, I guess they would get caught... in many different ways.



Tokyo, Kaminari

▼ Can't time is coming really soon! You have that to look forward to!



Hyogo Prefecture, Hikaru Matsunaga

▼ Thanks for the note!! I'm doing my best!



Gunma Prefecture, Y -tan

▼ Thanks! I'm going to be hard at work drawing Carla and Wendy too!



Nagasaki Prefecture, Haruhi

▼ A dream (?) collaboration. They both have wonderful voices!



Yamaguchi Prefecture, Asuka

▼ Angry Natsu. I think it's cool how he's becoming one with the flames.



Hokkaido, Hikari Matsuda

▼ So will there be a huge change in Juvia next volume or not...?



Tokyo, Ayaka Saito

▼ I really like the strong old guy type! And I think he's going to be more active soon.



Kagawa Prefecture, Saki Nakanishi

▼ A really relaxed-looking Erza asleep... What a great picture!



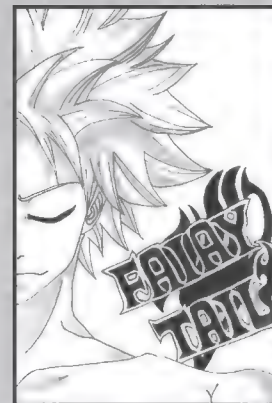
Aichi Prefecture, Yuzu-hime

▼ It's Nightwalker-san!! Hey, wait! This drawing's good!!!



Osaka, Kaoru Koga

▼ Just a short while back, I met the first person who ever said, "I love Sugar Boy!"



Chiba Prefecture, Yūta Hori

▼ Natsu in a quiet place... A very rare picture.



Chiba Prefecture, Yūya Miyata

▼ The person came right out and said, "I don't really like Natsu!" on the back of the postcard.

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Fukuoka Prefecture, Yūna Yoshida

▼ They can say whatever they like, but they really do get along pretty well.

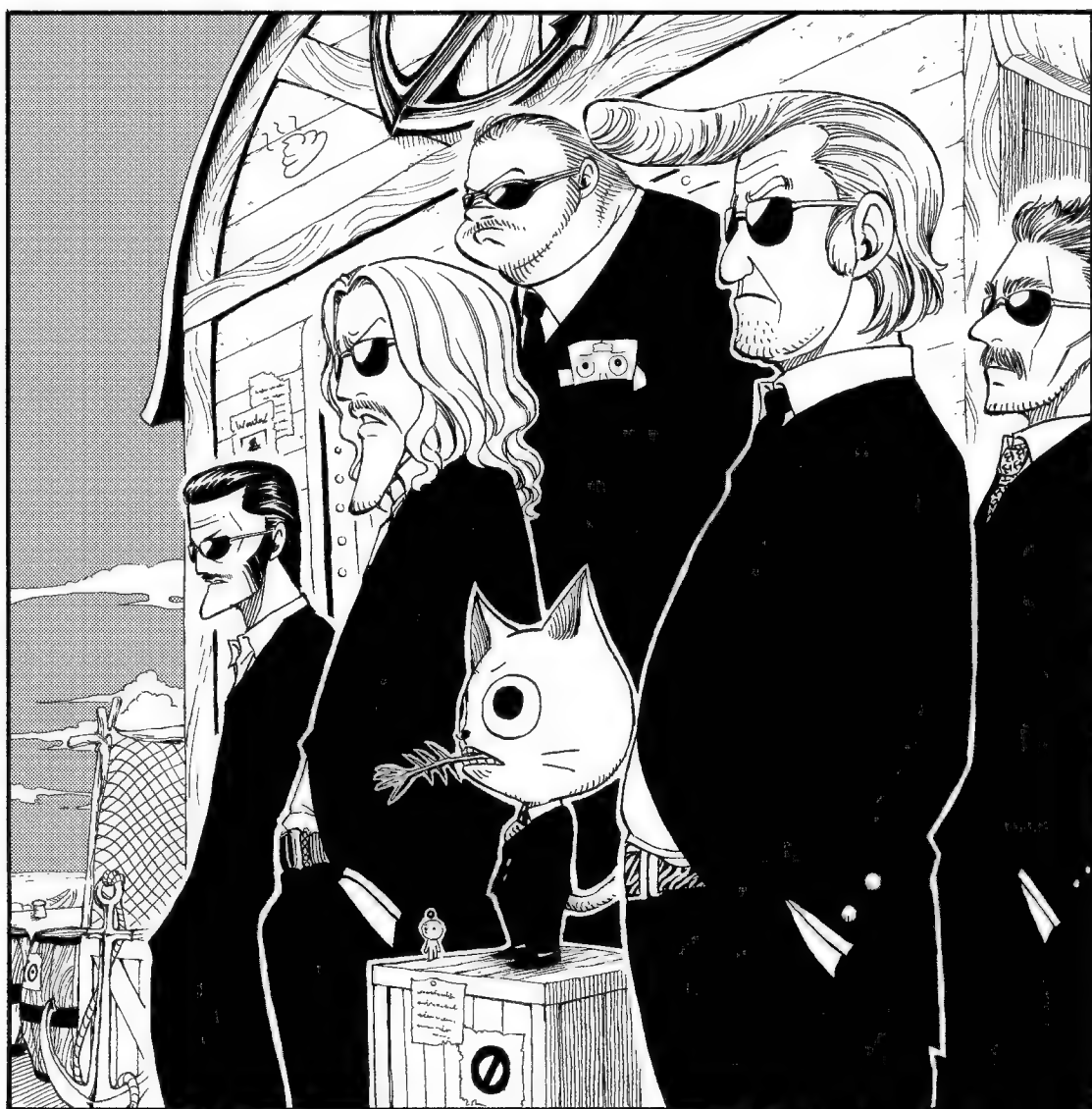


Kanagawa Prefecture, Hōshiekyū

▼ It's Alice!! Everybody's so cute! And it's very well drawn!!

Spot the Differences!

This image is just like the title page for Chapter 195 on page 151! But if you look very closely, you may spot differences... There are ten differences!! Can you find all of them?



Afterword

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This time, I present the France Trip Diary!! I thought I'd be completely buried in work before the trip, but actually I found some free time here and there. Actually this was my second time going to France, but last time, due to tight scheduling, I wasn't able to go to the palace of Versailles. So this time I was determined!! That's where Marie Antoinette was and all that stuff, right? Well, it was just amazing! I was moved!! Also, French cooking is delicious! The cheese fondue they have there was especially dangerous!! I couldn't stop!! And as a result, I gained a few kilos on the trip.

Now, thanks to the wonderful people who showed up for the signing, and the fantastic efforts of the staff, it turned out to be a huge success. I drew and signed for some 600-700 people over the course of three days. This country of France is so far away from Japan, so I was very thankful that so many fans would come to see me! And I was incredibly happy to meet my French fans. I couldn't say much aside from the simplest conversation (greetings), but it was really fun! I especially want to thank the members of the staff who exhausted themselves in their efforts to make it a good signing!! I want to go back again someday soon.

Come to think of it, I wrote last time that I'd like a signing in Japan too... Well, like a drumbeat, events just kept moving along, and I had a signing the other day in Akiba. So I want to say to all of the people who came and to the staff here in Japan too, thank you so much!!! And I'll be doing another signing as soon as I get the chance!!

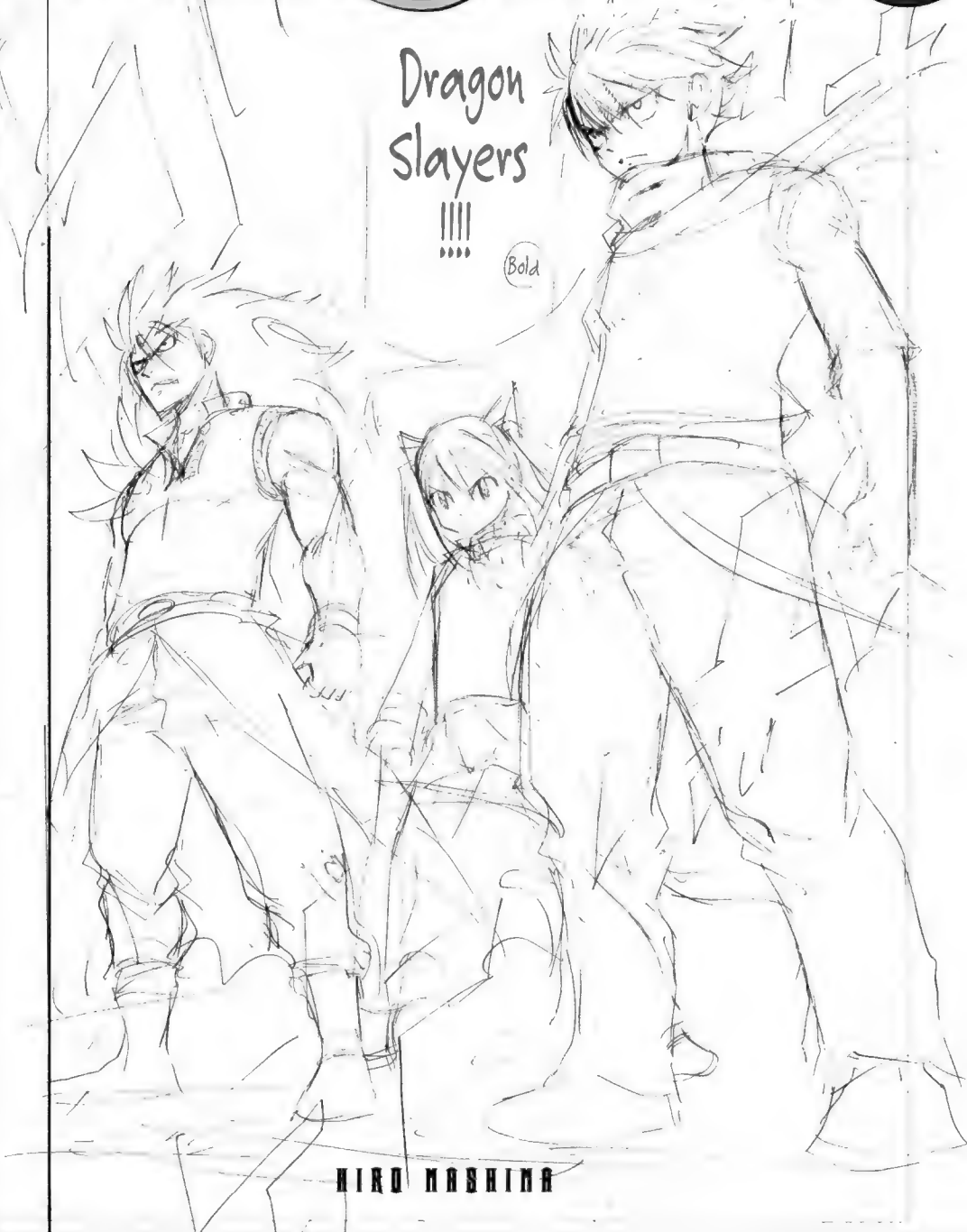
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Dragon
Slayers

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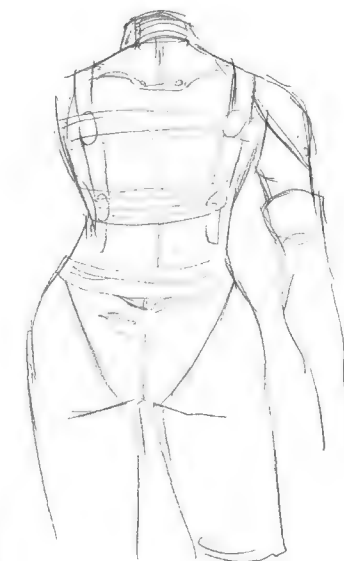
HIRO NASHIMA

Erza Nightwalker Ver. 2



Sacred Spear Ten
Commandments

Final form:
Ravelt



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Sleep
...!!



Magic
is
power
!!!!

I'll
bet
you
are
!!!!



Are ya
shiverin'
cause
you
got no
magic
?

What's
the
problem
?



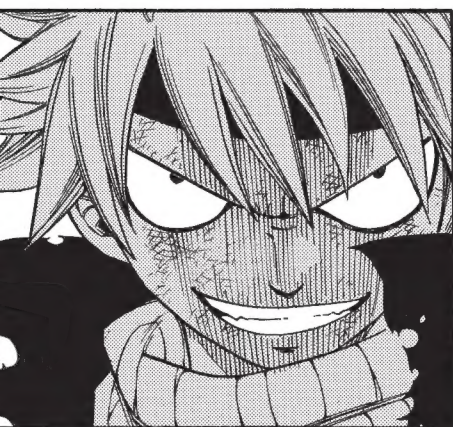
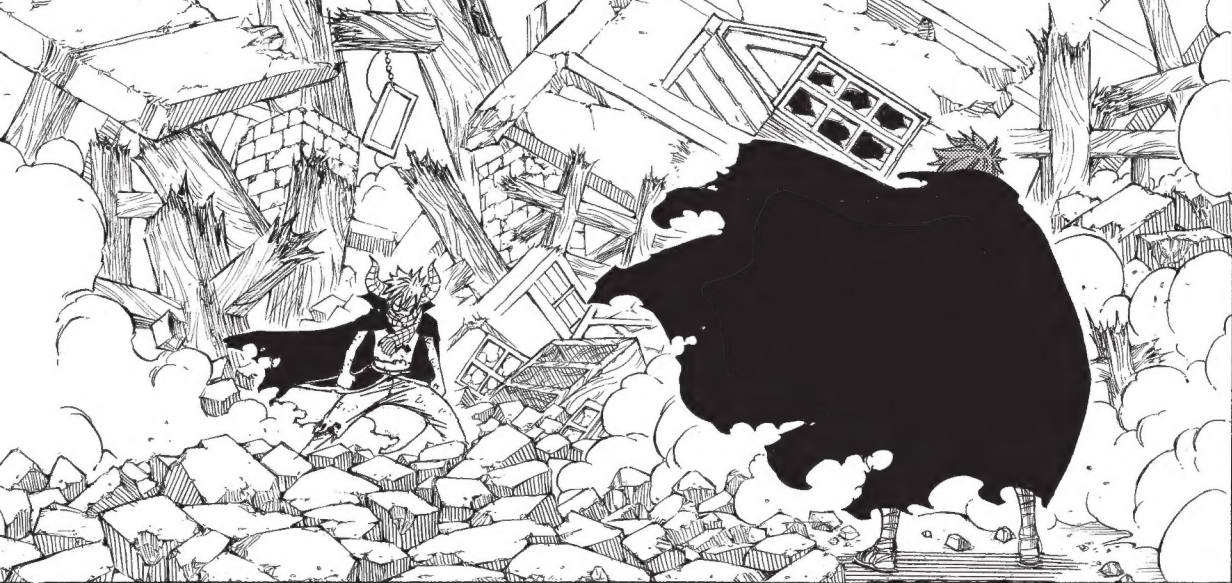
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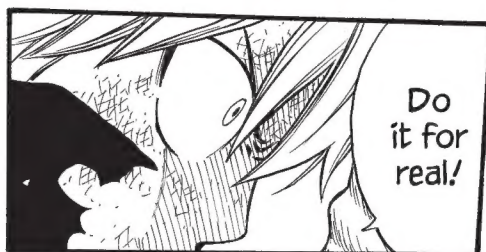


The
magic...

...was
sucked
into the
anima...







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